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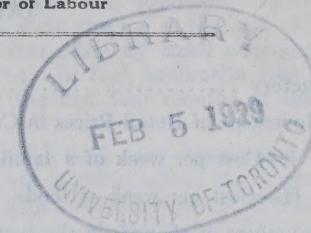
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PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES DURING 1928

THE world movement toward lower price levels in progress in 1926 and 1927 was continued in many countries during 1928, but in others the decline was halted and prices averaged higher in 1928 than in 1927, with the levels at the end of the year higher than at the beginning. A factor in the tendency toward lower price levels was the prevalence of good crops in nearly all countries in 1928, as well as in 1927, but a factor tending toward higher price levels was the recovery or an expansion in trade and industry in those countries which experienced such conditions, noted particularly in Canada and the United States. The result of the action of these two contrary tendencies was somewhat higher prices in some countries and lower in others.

As compared with 1927, wholesale prices were lower in Canada, Great Britain, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Italy, India, China, and Australia, and higher in the United States, France, Germany, Finland, Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Japan, and New Zealand.

During the year five additional countries restored their currencies, either partly or wholly, to the gold standard basis. These are France, Norway, Greece, Bulgaria and Bolivia. Of the thirty-three active foreign moneys on the New York Exchange, only six have not yet been stabilized on a gold basis, namely, those of Spain, Japan, Peru, Portugal, Roumania and Jugo-Slavia.

The Movement of Retail Prices in Canada during 1928

The accompanying tables I and II show the cost of a weekly family budget of foods, fuel and rent in terms of the average prices for the Dominion and by groups for each province.

The cost per week of a family budget of twenty-nine staple foods calculated from the average retail prices in some sixty cities was little changed from the level of 1927, advances in the prices of some commodities being largely offset by declines in others. Beef prices were considerably higher than in 1927, while the prices of pork and bacon were somewhat lower. Potatoes were substantially lower during 1928 than in 1927, while the levels of eggs, flour, rice, prunes and sugar were also slightly lower in the average than in the previous year. Veal, mutton, milk, cheese, beans and evaporated apples were higher in the average in 1928 than in 1927. Including the cost of fuel and rent with that of foods the

total budget was somewhat higher than in 1927, a slight decline in the cost of fuel being more than offset by small advances in foods and rent. In fuel, anthracite coal was lower during the first four months of 1928 than in 1927.

Prices of beef were considerably higher in 1928 than in 1927, which was a year of relatively high prices, due to the smaller supplies and to the export demand from the United States. The usual seasonal changes, consisting of a rise from the beginning of the year to midsummer, followed by a decline in the later months, were not pronounced in 1928. The advance commenced in November, 1927, and continued without interruption until the fall, when a slight decline occurred. Sirloin steak rose from 30.4 cents per pound in November, 1927, to the peak of 36.3 cents in September, 1928, and then declined to 34.6 cents in December. This compares with a level of 28.4 cents in December, 1926, a peak of 33.2 cents in June, 1927, followed by a decline to 30.4 cents in December, 1927. The movement in other cuts was similar to that of sirloin steak, rib roast advancing from 23.2 cents per pound in November, 1927, to 28.3 cents in September, 1928, and then declining to 27.1 cents by the end of the year, and shoulder roast advancing from 17.1 cents per pound in November, 1927, to 21.7 cents in October, 1928, and then declining to 21.3 cents in December. Veal prices, which in 1927 had reached a level higher than for some years previously, continued to advance during 1928, the price for shoulder roast ranging from 21.7 cents per pound in January to 23.9 cents in October, as compared with 19.9 cents in January, 1927, and 21.0 cents in December. In mutton the price of leg roast was 30.0 cents per pound in December, 1928; 29.0 cents in January, 1928, and 28.5 cents in January, 1927. Pork prices averaged somewhat lower in 1928 than in 1927, during which year a substantial decline had occurred from the peak prices of 1926. The decline was due to the depressed state of the British and United States markets, caused, in the first case, by the increased supplies of pork coming from continental sources, particularly Denmark, and in the latter case by the unusually large volume of marketings of hogs in the early part of the year. Later on demand improved and pork prices rose sharply so that in the last half of the year a higher level prevailed than for the corresponding period of 1927. The price of fresh leg roast of pork fell from 25.9 cents per pound in

TABLE I.—COST PER WEEK OF A FAMILY BUDGET OF STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING

Commodity	Quantity	1920		1921		1922		1923		1924		1925		1926	
		Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July
		c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.
1 Beef, sirloin steak.....	2 lbs.	71.4	84.0	71.0	70.2	54.6	64.2	53.4	59.6	54.0	59.4	54.2	60.4	56.4	62.0
2 Beef, shoulder roast.....	2 "	46.4	54.4	44.6	40.6	30.4	35.6	29.0	32.0	29.4	31.2	28.4	32.0	30.6	34.4
3 Veal, shoulder roast.....	1 "	25.7	28.1	26.9	22.0	18.9	19.1	18.3	18.3	18.6	17.8	17.8	18.1	18.5	19.7
4 Mutton, leg roast.....	1 "	32.3	37.3	30.8	30.3	25.6	28.0	27.2	28.2	26.9	28.5	27.6	29.3	28.9	30.7
5 Pork, fresh roast, ham.....	1 "	36.5	40.7	36.0	32.9	26.7	31.8	26.7	26.6	24.1	23.6	24.1	28.2	28.5	32.3
6 Pork, salt, mess.....	2 "	69.6	74.0	71.4	57.8	52.0	54.2	51.6	50.4	47.6	45.2	46.8	50.4	53.8	58.0
7 Bacon, breakfast.....	1 "	52.4	57.0	58.4	48.0	39.8	42.5	40.8	39.1	37.0	31.4	33.7	39.2	41.4	44.4
8 Lard, pure, leaf.....	2 "	77.6	75.8	67.8	43.2	43.4	43.6	45.6	44.8	46.0	41.2	46.6	48.2	49.8	49.8
9 Eggs, fresh.....	1 doz.	86.6	59.2	85.2	38.2	71.2	33.9	63.3	31.3	61.3	31.8	66.9	37.6	62.8	38.2
10 Eggs, storage.....	1 "	69.5	52.6	75.7	35.1	58.7	31.4	46.6	27.3	46.9	27.6	51.9	33.7	50.1	34.7
11 Milk.....	6 qts.	90.6	88.2	93.0	78.6	79.8	69.0	71.4	69.0	74.4	71.4	73.2	69.0	73.8	68.4
12 Butter, dairy, solid.....	2 lbs.	135.2	118.8	113.4	63.0	83.4	70.2	81.0	68.4	85.4	68.8	79.4	71.4	92.0	74.4
13 Butter, creamery, print.....	1 "	74.8	66.3	63.6	37.2	48.6	42.0	45.5	39.3	48.2	39.3	43.9	40.9	50.7	42.0
14 ^t Cheese, old.....	1 "	40.9	40.6	39.3	34.8	32.6	30.0	30.7	30.1	33.2	28.4	30.6	33.4	31.6	
15 ^t Cheese, new.....	1 "	38.1	38.4	37.5	28.2	29.3	26.2	30.7	30.1	33.2	28.4	29.0	30.6	33.4	31.6
16 Bread, plain, white.....	15 "	120.5	144.0	132.0	121.5	105.0	105.0	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	112.5	118.5	115.5	114.0
17 ^t Flour, family.....	10 "	74.0	84.0	68.0	63.0	48.0	49.0	44.0	44.0	42.0	43.0	55.0	55.0	54.0	53.0
18 Rolled oats.....	5 "	40.0	44.0	36.0	30.0	28.0	28.0	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.0	31.0	31.0	29.0	
19 ^t Rice, good, medium.....	2 "	30.4	34.2	28.2	19.8	19.6	19.8	21.0	20.6	20.8	21.6	21.8	22.0	21.8	
20 Beans, handpicked.....	2 "	23.2	22.2	21.6	17.0	17.4	17.6	17.0	17.4	17.4	16.6	16.8	16.0	15.8	
21 Apples, evaporated.....	1 "	26.2	29.1	24.9	21.3	22.0	24.9	21.6	19.7	18.6	19.5	20.0	20.7	20.3	19.8
22 Prunes, medium size.....	1 "	25.7	27.2	25.3	18.4	18.4	18.9	18.0	18.6	17.0	15.9	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.8
23 Sugar, granulated.....	4 "	62.0	93.6	51.2	44.4	36.8	33.6	38.4	50.0	48.4	40.8	33.0	33.6	31.6	31.6
24 Sugar, yellow.....	2 "	28.6	43.4	24.6	21.0	17.4	15.8	18.2	23.8	23.2	19.6	18.0	16.0	15.0	15.0
25 ^t Tea, black, medium.....	1 "	16.0	16.4	15.4	13.7	13.5	13.9	14.9	16.6	17.2	17.4	17.6	17.9	17.9	18.0
26 ^t Tea, green, medium.....	1 "	16.7	16.8	15.7	14.9	15.1	15.2	14.9	16.6	17.2	17.4	17.6	17.9	17.9	18.0
27 Coffee, medium.....	4 "	14.7	15.4	14.8	13.7	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.4	13.6	14.5	15.1	15.1	15.4
28 Potatoes.....	1 bag	103.0	197.4	75.5	35.9	52.6	43.9	39.0	52.5	47.8	63.9	46.4	45.1	88.0	85.9
29 Vinegar, spirit.....	1/16 qt.	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
30 All Foods.....		\$ 15.30	\$ 16.84	\$ 14.48	\$ 10.96	\$ 11.03	\$ 10.27	\$ 10.52	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.78	\$ 9.91	\$ 10.77	\$ 10.49	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.07
31 Starch, laundry.....	1 lb.	c. 4.7	c. 5.0	c. 4.9	c. 4.4	c. 4.2	c. 4.0	c. 4.0	c. 4.0	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.2	c. 4.2
32 Coal, anthracite.....	1/16 ton	87.8	105.0	125.0	110.9	109.6	105.8	115.7	107.8	111.5	104.6	105.1	103.2	114.7	106.2
33 Coal, bituminous.....	1/16 "	76.6	92.1	75.6	71.7	68.8	74.0	70.7	70.6	66.0	65.0	62.9	65.8	63.2	
34 Wood, hard.....	1/16 cord	80.6	82.2	90.5	87.4	80.2	77.0	80.6	80.2	79.0	78.2	78.4	76.2	76.9	75.7
35 Wood, soft.....	1/16 "	62.5	63.9	69.0	62.5	59.8	58.5	59.4	59.0	57.8	57.5	55.3	56.3	55.9	
36 Coal oil.....	1 gal.	31.0	37.2	40.3	33.7	31.7	31.3	31.6	30.2	30.1	30.8	30.5	30.3	30.1	30.8
37 Fuel and lighting.....		\$ 3.27	\$ 3.64	\$ 4.17	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.32
38 Rent.....	1 mo.	\$ 5.54	\$ 6.38	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.95	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.98	\$ 6.91	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.86	\$ 6.87
39 ^t Totals.....		\$ 24.15	\$ 26.92	\$ 25.30	\$ 21.53	\$ 21.52	\$ 20.67	\$ 21.13	\$ 20.65	\$ 21.23	\$ 20.30	\$ 21.09	\$ 20.70	\$ 21.96	\$ 21.30

*The budget is intended to show the changes in the cost of the items included, not to show the minimum cost for an average family.

^tAn allowance for the cost of clothing and sundries would increase the figures by about 50 per cent.

^tKind most sold, since October, 1922.

January, 1928, to 24.9 cents in April, then advanced to 31.2 cents by September, followed by a seasonal decline to 27.1 cents in December. These prices compare with a level of about 28.8 cents for the first four months of 1927, followed by a decline during the remainder of the year to a low point of 26.3 cents in December. The movement in bacon and ham was similar to that in pork, the former declining from 37.2 cents per pound in January, 1928, to 35.2 cents in May, followed by a recovery to 42.5 cents in October, and a seasonal fall to 39.0 cents in December. This compares with a peak price for the year

1927 of 41.8 cents per pound in January, 1927, from which level the price fell to 37.6 cents in December. Boiled ham was 58.7 cents per pound in January, 1928, 55.9 cents in May, 62.5 cents in October, and 59.8 cents in December, as compared with a peak for 1927 of 63.1 cents in January and a low of 59.2 cents in December. The price of lard declined from a peak of 25.3 cents per pound in August, 1926, to a low point of 21.5 cents in July, 1927. Since then the price has fluctuated within narrow limits, rising to 22.9 cents per pound in October, 1928. Fish prices showed little change during the year, cod steak fluctuating

AND RENT IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN SIXTY CITIES IN CANADA*

1927				1928													
Jan.	April	July	Oct.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year	
c.																	
57.4	59.6	66.0	61.6	62.8	67.0	66.6	67.4	67.8	69.8	71.4	71.6	72.6	71.8	70.2	69.2	69.0	
31.8	33.0	37.4	34.4	36.4	39.2	39.6	40.0	40.2	41.2	42.6	42.6	43.4	43.2	42.6	41.1	2	
19.9	20.2	19.9	19.5	21.7	22.4	22.0	21.8	21.6	21.8	22.5	22.6	23.6	23.9	23.5	23.4	22.6	
28.5	29.7	30.1	29.0	29.8	30.1	29.2	30.0	30.3	30.1	29.9	30.5	31.0	29.7	30.0	30.0	4	
28.8	28.5	28.2	28.5	25.9	25.3	25.1	24.9	25.2	26.3	28.0	28.8	31.2	31.0	28.4	27.1	5	
54.8	54.0	53.2	53.2	51.2	50.6	50.6	50.0	50.8	51.8	52.2	53.2	54.8	55.0	54.2	53.2	52.3	
41.8	39.6	38.8	38.8	37.2	36.8	35.8	35.3	35.2	35.7	37.2	39.0	40.8	42.5	40.5	39.0	37.9	
46.4	44.2	43.0	43.8	44.2	43.8	43.4	43.2	43.4	43.6	44.0	44.4	45.0	45.8	45.6	45.2	44.3	
66.5	38.0	37.8	52.6	64.3	51.8	46.1	40.2	35.8	36.0	38.5	42.4	46.3	51.0	57.4	64.1	47.8	
52.7	34.5	34.3	47.0	52.0	44.2	40.1	35.0	31.6	32.3	34.2	37.6	41.4	45.6	49.2	50.8	41.2	
73.2	72.6	69.6	71.4	73.8	73.8	73.8	73.8	72.0	70.8	70.2	70.8	72.6	73.8	74.4	72.6	11	
86.0	88.2	74.0	83.2	85.8	84.6	83.2	84.8	84.4	79.8	77.2	79.4	82.6	85.6	86.6	87.4	83.5	
47.9	49.6	41.9	46.3	47.0	46.4	45.6	47.4	46.7	47.8	43.8	44.6	45.9	47.4	47.6	47.8	46.1	
30.5	30.8	30.7	31.3	32.1	32.2	32.3	32.6	32.9	32.6	32.6	33.0	33.2	33.8	33.7	33.6	32.9	
30.5	30.8	30.7	31.3	32.1	32.2	32.3	32.6	32.9	32.6	32.6	33.0	33.2	33.8	33.7	33.6	32.9	
114.0	114.0	117.0	117.0	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	117.0	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.6	
52.0	52.0	54.0	53.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	53.0	53.0	52.0	51.0	51.0	50.0	50.0	51.6	
30.5	30.0	30.5	32.0	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	32.0	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.0	31.5	31.5	
21.8	21.8	21.6	21.6	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.2	20.8	20.8	20.6	21.0	19	
16.2	16.4	16.4	16.2	16.0	16.5	16.6	16.6	17.4	17.8	18.2	18.2	18.4	19.0	19.6	20.6	17.8	
20.2	19.7	19.2	18.8	19.4	19.4	20.3	20.8	21.1	21.1	21.5	21.9	21.6	21.7	21.5	21.0	21.0	
15.4	14.9	15.1	14.6	13.9	13.4	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.3	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.5	13.5	
33.6	33.6	33.6	32.8	32.4	32.4	32.0	32.4	32.4	32.0	32.0	31.6	31.2	31.2	30.8	30.4	31.7	
15.8	15.8	16.0	15.4	15.4	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.0	15.0	15.0	14.6	14.4	14.4	15.0	
18.0	18.0	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.0	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.7	17.6	17.8	
18.0	18.0	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.0	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.7	17.6	17.8	
15.4	15.3	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.2	
68.0	56.6	81.0	52.5	54.8	54.2	55.4	59.4	57.9	51.7	48.3	63.5	49.6	42.8	42.0	41.4	51.8	
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	29	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
11.37	10.80	10.92	10.99	11.19	11.03	10.92	10.87	10.80	10.73	10.80	11.08	11.15	11.28	11.28	11.31	11.04	30
e.	c.																
4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	31	
105.3	104.2	101.2	102.0	102.7	102.8	102.8	102.5	101.3	101.0	100.8	101.0	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.9	101.8	
64.6	64.3	63.3	63.5	63.7	63.8	63.8	63.8	63.3	63.3	62.6	62.7	62.9	62.9	62.8	63.2	63.3	
75.9	75.8	75.9	75.5	75.0	75.4	75.4	75.6	76.1	76.6	75.7	75.5	75.6	75.0	75.0	74.9	75.5	
55.9	55.6	56.2	56.1	55.8	56.2	56.2	56.1	56.7	56.6	55.9	55.7	55.7	55.4	55.3	55.3	55.9	
31.7	31.7	31.3	31.3	31.2	31.2	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	36	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
3.33	3.32	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.26	3.26	3.27	3.26	3.26	3.27	37	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
6.85	6.85	6.86	6.87	6.89	6.89	6.90	6.90	6.91	6.91	6.91	6.93	6.93	6.95	6.94	6.92	38	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
21.59	21.02	21.10	21.18	21.41	21.25	21.15	21.11	21.04	20.97	21.01	21.31	21.33	21.52	21.52	21.27	39	

between 18.6 cents and 19.6 cents per pound; halibut between 30 cents and 31 cents per pound; and finnan haddie between 20.5 cents and 21.5 cents per pound.

Egg prices, except for the usual seasonal changes, have showed little change for some years, the levels in 1928 being about the same as in corresponding periods of other years. Fresh declined from 64.3 cents per dozen in January to 35.8 cents in May, about which level they remained for several months, advancing in the autumn to 64.1 cents by December. These prices compare with 66.5 cents per dozen in January, 1927, 35.1 cents in May and 64.1 cents in December. Cooking eggs were 52.0 cents per dozen in January, 1928, 31.6 cents in May and 50.8 cents in Decem-

ber, as compared with 52.7 cents per dozen in January, 1927, 31.7 cents in May and 52.0 cents in December. As usual, the price of milk averaged lower in the summer, being down from 12.3 cents per quart in January to 11.7 cents in July, and then advancing to 12.4 cents in December. Creamery butter showed the usual seasonal range, being a few cents higher at the beginning and end of the year than in the summer. In January the price averaged 47 cents per pound. This level was maintained until May, when the decline began and the price fell to 43.3 cents per pound in July. The advance in the autumn carried the price to 47.8 cents by the end of the year. In 1927, from an average of 47.9 cents per pound, the price rose to 49.6 cents in April and then de-

TABLE II—COST PER WEEK OF A FAMILY BUDGET OF STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND FOODS

	1920		1921		1922		1923		1924		1925		1926	
	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia.....	15.35	17.09	14.72	11.12	11.18	10.31	10.68	10.65	11.12	10.13	10.85	10.53	11.80	11.12
Prince Edward Island.....	13.42	14.52	13.18	10.34	9.78	9.29	9.43	9.40	9.68	9.19	9.76	9.66	10.77	10.06
New Brunswick.....	14.97	16.63	14.44	11.13	11.11	9.99	10.48	10.29	11.13	10.14	10.94	10.16	11.82	11.21
Quebec.....	14.67	16.03	15.76	10.42	10.63	9.72	10.24	9.71	10.28	9.28	10.12	9.88	11.23	10.32
Ontario.....	15.35	17.05	14.39	10.74	10.88	10.28	10.45	10.08	10.67	9.96	10.60	10.22	11.66	11.23
Manitoba.....	16.09	16.54	13.94	11.04	10.87	10.02	10.16	9.53	10.31	9.39	10.51	10.14	10.83	10.47
Saskatchewan.....	15.39	16.25	14.10	10.99	11.06	9.82	10.47	10.14	10.50	9.56	10.91	10.56	11.21	10.55
Alberta.....	15.88	16.70	14.77	10.91	10.53	9.86	10.26	9.87	10.61	9.62	11.13	10.81	11.31	10.77
British Columbia.....	16.11	18.23	15.75	12.19	12.08	11.30	11.39	11.17	11.80	10.76	11.89	12.09	12.42	11.90

FUEL AND LIGHT*

Nova Scotia.....	2.65	3.25	3.70	3.24	3.18	2.94	3.20	3.07	3.11	3.11	2.99	2.99	3.03	2.91
Prince Edward Island.....	3.15	3.41	4.27	3.55	3.20	3.35	3.54	3.62	3.50	3.33	3.36	3.30	3.02	3.16
New Brunswick.....	3.06	3.47	4.12	3.72	3.45	3.22	3.30	3.33	3.35	3.19	3.15	3.15	3.19	3.21
Quebec.....	3.18	3.88	4.14	3.59	3.53	3.35	3.63	3.40	3.47	3.30	3.31	3.25	3.48	3.31
Ontario.....	3.39	3.76	4.36	3.76	3.60	3.51	3.78	3.63	3.62	3.46	3.46	3.38	3.58	3.42
Manitoba.....	3.48	3.89	4.52	4.27	3.72	3.61	3.84	3.78	3.84	3.74	3.60	3.60	3.57	3.51
Saskatchewan.....	3.96	3.73	4.15	4.09	4.04	3.96	3.73	3.88	3.79	3.74	3.63	3.52	3.48	3.45
Alberta.....	2.68	2.99	3.36	2.54	2.49	2.30	2.59	2.57	2.38	2.30	2.51	2.42	2.41	2.41
British Columbia.....	2.97	3.62	3.60	3.22	3.39	2.93	2.99	2.95	2.96	2.87	2.88	2.72	2.80	2.82

RENT

Nova Scotia.....	4.71	5.00	5.93	5.90	6.00	5.93	5.93	5.58	5.58	5.66	5.47	5.58	5.60	5.60
Prince Edward Island.....	3.75	4.25	4.50	4.50	5.63	5.63	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.63	5.63
New Brunswick.....	5.19	6.13	6.13	6.25	6.13	6.44	6.59	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Quebec.....	3.89	4.71	4.64	5.33	5.29	5.57	5.58	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.75	5.75	5.75
Ontario.....	5.78	6.67	6.90	7.17	7.36	7.40	7.35	7.32	7.32	7.36	7.28	7.25	7.23	7.22
Manitoba.....	6.56	7.81	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
Saskatchewan.....	8.33	8.91	8.59	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.91	8.91	8.91	8.91	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
Alberta.....	7.19	7.50	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.66	7.19	7.19	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.34
British Columbia.....	5.23	5.73	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45

*Coal, wood, and coal oil, no allowance is made for the varying extent to which these are used in the different provinces and localities.

clined to 42.1 cents in August, followed by an advance to 46.7 cents by December. Dairy butter moved similarly to creamery, ranging from 43 cents to 44 cents per pound in the early months of 1927, then declining to 37.0 cents in July, and later advancing to 42.9 cents in December. In 1928 the price was 42 cents to 43 cents per pound in the early months, with the seasonal fall bringing the price down to 38.6 cents in July, followed by a recovery to 43.7 cents in December. In cheese the price advanced from an average of 32.1 cents per pound in January to 33.8 cents in October and then fell to 33.6 cents in December. These prices compare with a range from 30.5 cents to 31 cents per pound for the first eight months of 1927, followed by a slight increase to 32 cents in December. In 1926 the price fell from an average of 33.4 cents per pound in January to 30.4 cents in December.

Flour prices fluctuated between 5 cents and 5.2 cents per pound during 1928 and were relatively slightly lower than in 1926 and

1927, when the range was between 5.2 cents and 5.4 cents per pound, as compared with a peak price of 6.2 cents per pound in March, 1925, resulting from the short wheat crop of 1924. The movement in the prices of bread during the last three years has been very slight, the range being between 7.6 cents and 7.8 cents per pound during the entire period. Soda biscuit prices have also been steady at slightly over 18 cents per pound. Rolled oats ranged between 6.2 cents and 6.4 cents per pound in 1928, as compared with a range of 6.0 cents to 6.4 cents in 1927. Rice and tapioca averaged slightly lower in 1928 than in 1927, the former at about 9.5 cents per pound and the latter at about 12.4 cents per pound.

Canned vegetables have showed a slight downward trend for some years, peas averaging 15.9 cents per tin in December, 1928, as compared with 16.5 cents in December, 1927, 17.0 cents in December, 1926, 17.9 cents in December, 1925, and 18.4 cents in December, 1924. Tomatoes and corn showed a move-

LIGHTING AND RENT IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE PRICES IN EACH PROVINCE
FOODS

1927				1928												
Jan.	April	July	Oct.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
11.34	10.80	10.64	10.98	11.12	10.95	10.85	10.79	10.74	10.61	10.76	10.98	11.11	11.16	11.20	11.29	10.96
10.52	10.01	9.82	9.96	10.32	9.84	9.58	9.59	9.62	9.77	9.73	9.74	9.90	9.92	10.05	10.26	9.86
11.42	10.83	10.84	11.02	11.26	11.02	10.86	10.83	10.79	10.66	10.54	10.93	11.08	10.99	11.07	11.28	10.94
10.62	10.16	10.13	10.19	10.37	10.22	10.11	10.16	10.03	9.85	9.91	10.20	10.35	10.47	10.50	10.54	10.22
11.48	10.87	11.01	10.99	11.22	11.04	10.97	10.93	10.86	10.78	10.86	11.13	11.17	11.31	11.31	11.33	11.08
10.74	10.10	10.34	10.42	10.80	10.59	10.56	10.53	10.50	10.45	10.29	10.95	10.83	10.92	10.94	10.95	10.69
11.47	10.86	10.98	10.89	11.37	11.29	11.04	11.92	10.87	10.85	11.02	11.32	11.29	11.45	11.34	11.36	11.18
11.24	10.62	10.86	10.81	11.29	11.14	10.91	10.78	10.81	10.73	10.79	11.13	11.21	11.48	11.39	11.37	11.09
12.12	11.72	11.96	12.18	12.16	12.05	11.91	11.84	11.88	11.87	11.78	12.14	12.16	12.35	12.41	12.34	12.08

FUEL AND LIGHT*

2.87	2.88	2.90	2.90	2.91	2.93	2.94	2.92	2.93	2.91	2.90	2.89	2.94	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.91
3.36	3.28	2.98	2.98	2.89	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.91	2.91	2.90	2.94	2.91
3.20	3.20	3.12	3.06	3.12	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.10	3.09	3.04	3.04	3.03	3.03	3.09
3.39	3.40	3.33	3.33	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.34	3.33	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.36	3.36	3.34
3.45	3.42	3.39	3.40	3.39	3.41	3.40	3.41	3.40	3.39	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.35	3.36	3.36	3.38
3.51	3.51	3.49	3.49	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.38	3.56	3.59	3.59	3.60	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.53
3.47	3.47	3.51	3.52	3.53	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.50	3.51	3.51	3.48	3.51	3.51
2.41	2.26	2.26	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	2.07
2.82	2.82	2.81	2.81	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.80	2.80	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.81

RENT

5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60
5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.63
6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.67
5.75	5.75	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.83
7.16	7.17	7.19	7.19	7.24	7.24	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.28	7.28	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.27
8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
7.34	7.34	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.34	7.34	7.50	7.50	9.50	7.21
6.45	6.45	6.49	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.56

ment similar to peas, the former averaging 15.7 cents per tin in December, 1928, 16.3 cents in December, 1927, and 19.9 cents in December, 1924, and the latter averaging 16.0 cents per tin in December, 1928, 16.4 cents in December, 1927, and 18.4 cents in December, 1924. Beans advanced during the year from a low of 8 cents per pound in January to 10.3 cents in December, as compared with a level of about 8 cents per pound during the previous three years. Onion prices were about the same as in 1927 and showed a seasonal range of several cents per pound, advancing from 4.9 cents per pound in January to 8.9 cents in June and then declining to 6.8 cents in December. In 1927 the prices were 4.9 cents per pound in January, 9.2 cents in June and 4.7 cents in December. Potato production for 1928 was considerably larger than in 1927 and the yield was greater than the average of the five-year period 1922-1926, with the result that potato prices averaged lower in December, 1928, than at any time since 1923. In January the average was \$1.65 per ninety pounds and by April the price had advanced to \$1.78. A slight decline occurred in June

and July, the price falling to \$1.45, then with the appearance of the new crop advanced to \$1.90 in August, which was the peak. From this level the price fell off to \$1.24 in December. In January, 1927, the price averaged \$2.04 per ninety pounds. By May it had declined to \$1.64 and then advanced sharply, reaching \$2.43 in July. The usual fall in the autumn brought the price down to \$1.64. Evaporated apples were on a somewhat higher level in 1928 than in 1927, the price ranging from 19.5 cents per pound to 21.5 cents. Prunes have showed a downward trend for some years, averaging 13.5 cents per pound in December, 1928, 13.9 cents in December, 1927, 15.6 cents in December, 1926, and 17.3 cents in December, 1925. Raisins were down from 18.5 cents per pound in January, 1927, to 17.8 cents at the beginning of 1928 and 16.1 cents in December. Canned peaches averaged 26.7 cents per tin in December, 1928, 27.8 cents in December, 1927, and 29.2 cents in December, 1926. Granulated sugar was lower at the end of 1928 than at any other period since the peak of 1920. The price averaged 7.6 cents per pound in December,

as compared with 8.2 cents in December, 1927, 8.1 cents in December, 1926, 7.9 cents in December, 1925, and 9.6 cents in December, 1924. The decrease in 1928 followed the decline in wholesale prices, due to larger Cuban crops and to higher estimates of European beet crops. Coffee and tea showed little change from the 1927 levels, the former averaging 60.5 cents per pound in December, 1928, and the latter averaging 70.5 cents. The advance in the price of pepper, in progress for some years, continued during 1928. The price in December averaged 65 cents per pound, as compared with 58 cents in December, 1927, 54.8 cents in December,

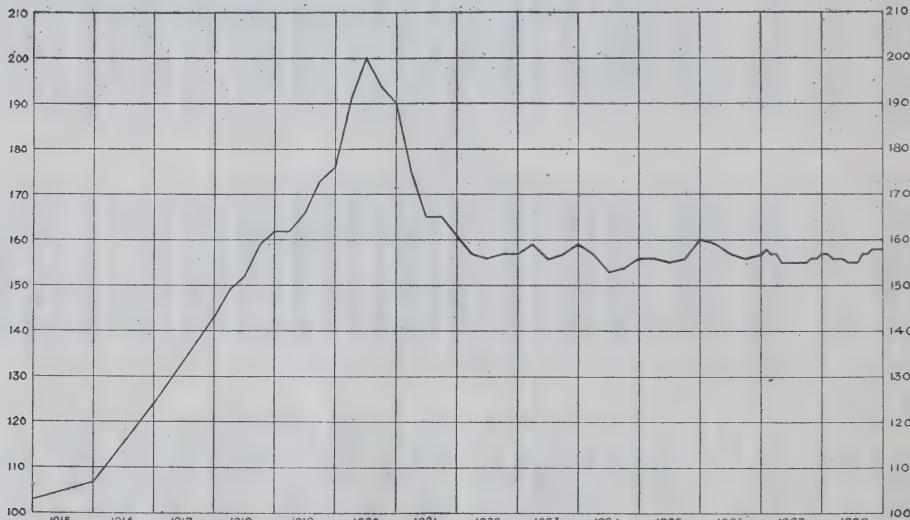
Increases in rent during the year occurred at Charlottetown, St. Hyacinthe, St. John's, Woodstock, Sault Ste. Marie and Calgary.

Index Number of Changes in the Cost of Living in Canada

The accompanying table, III, brings down to the end of 1928 the index numbers of changes in the cost of living in Canada, by groups, since 1914, published in the Supplement to the *Labour Gazette* for January, 1928, page 8, and continued in the *Labour Gazette* from month to month during 1928. The figures were a revision of those published by the Department from March, 1921, to 1926,

CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA SINCE 1914

All Items—Food, Fuel, Rent, Clothing, and Sundries, Average Prices in 1913=100



1926, 45.2 cents in December, 1925, and 42.5 cents in December, 1924. Anthracite coal showed the usual seasonal movement in 1928, declining from an average price of \$16.43 per ton in January to \$16.15 in the summer months, and then advancing to \$16.30 in December. This compares with \$16.85 per ton in January, 1927, \$16.19 in July and August and \$16.37 in December; \$18.35 in January, 1926, \$17 in July, and \$16.83 in December. The relatively high prices in 1926 and the beginning of 1927 resulted from the strike in the anthracite fields in the United States in 1925-1926. Bituminous coal was slightly lower at the end of the year than at the beginning, averaging \$10.06 per ton in December and \$10.20 in January. Wood prices showed little change, hard averaging about \$14.50 per cord and soft about \$11 per cord.

more complete data being available for fuel and light (including gas and electricity), clothing and sundries. In rent the results of extensive surveys in various cities were used in amplifying the data published from month to month in the *Labour Gazette* since 1910. The figures for the food group have been calculated from the figures published in the *Labour Gazette* for food in the weekly family budget of foods, fuel and rent, and the figures for the other groups have been weighted according to workingmen's average family consumption.

Wholesale Prices in Canada

The following is a summary of a preliminary review of the wholesale prices movement in Canada during 1928 issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The accompany-

TABLE III.—CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA FROM 1913 TO 1928*
(Average prices in 1913 = 100)

	Food	Fuel and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All items
Dec. 1914.....	108	98	97	103	100	103
Dec. 1915.....	111	96	94	115	110	107
Dec. 1916.....	138	109	95	136	122	124
Dec. 1917.....	167	125	102	158	134	143
Mar. 1918.....	172	132	104	171	139	149
June 1918.....	174	132	109	171	143	152
Sept. 1918.....	181	139	111	185	147	159
Dec. 1918.....	186	146	111	185	151	162
Mar. 1919.....	178	143	112	197	154	162
June 1919.....	187	139	119	197	157	166
Sept. 1919.....	195	146	121	210	161	173
Dec. 1919.....	201	148	122	210	164	176
Mar. 1920.....	218	157	124	251	166	191
June 1920.....	231	168	137	251	169	200
Sept. 1920.....	217	189	138	232	171	194
Dec. 1920.....	202	200	142	232	173	190
Mar. 1921.....	180	191	142	193	173	175
June 1921.....	152	179	149	193	173	165
Sept. 1921.....	161	174	149	177	173	165
Dec. 1921.....	150	172	150	177	173	161
Mar. 1922.....	144	169	151	165	173	157
June 1922.....	139	167	154	165	174	156
Sept. 1922.....	140	179	155	162	174	157
Dec. 1922.....	142	177	165	162	174	157
Mar. 1923.....	147	178	156	163	173	159
June 1923.....	139	169	158	163	173	156
Sept. 1923.....	142	171	158	164	172	157
Dec. 1923.....	146	172	158	164	171	159
Mar. 1924.....	144	169	158	160	171	157
June 1924.....	134	163	158	160	170	153
Sept. 1924.....	140	163	158	159	169	154
Dec. 1924.....	144	162	158	159	169	156
Mar. 1925.....	146	162	158	160	168	156
June 1925.....	142	159	158	160	168	155
Sept. 1925.....	147	160	158	159	167	156
Dec. 1925.....	157	166	158	159	166	160
Mar. 1926.....	156	166	158	157	166	159
June 1926.....	151	162	156	157	166	157
Sept. 1926.....	149	160	156	157	166	156
Dec. 1926.....	152	162	156	157	166	157
Jan. 1927.....	155	161	156	157	166	158
Feb. 1927.....	153	161	156	157	166	157
Mar. 1927.....	151	161	156	157	166	157
Apr. 1927.....	147	160	156	154	166	155
May 1927.....	147	159	156	154	166	155
June 1927.....	148	158	156	154	166	155
July 1927.....	149	158	156	154	166	155
Aug. 1927.....	149	158	156	154	166	155
Sept. 1927.....	148	158	156	155	166	155
Oct. 1927.....	150	158	156	155	166	156
Nov. 1927.....	151	158	156	155	166	156
Dec. 1927.....	152	158	156	155	166	157
Jan. 1928.....	152	159	156	155	166	157
Feb. 1928.....	150	159	156	155	166	156
Mar. 1928.....	149	159	156	155	166	156
Apr. 1928.....	148	159	156	157	166	156
May 1928.....	147	158	157	157	166	155
June 1928.....	146	158	157	157	166	155
July 1928.....	147	157	157	157	166	155
Aug. 1928.....	151	157	157	157	166	157
Sept. 1928.....	152	157	157	157	166	157
Oct. 1928.....	154	157	157	157	166	158
Nov. 1928.....	154	157	157	157	166	158
Dec. 1928.....	154	157	157	157	166	158

*The figures for "all items" were calculated by giving the following weights to each group: Food 35%; Fuel 8%; Rent 18%; Clothing 18½%; Sundries 20%.

†Revised.

TABLE IV.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA

COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS, BY YEARS, 1890-1928*

(Average Prices 1913=100)

Groups	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	All Commodities
	Vegetable Products	Animals and their Products	Fibre, Textiles and Textile Products	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	Iron and its Products	Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products	Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Allied Products	
Number of Commodities	67	50	28	21	26	15	16	13	236
1890.....	99.8	62.5	93.1	70.8	124.9	112.0	106.0	99.4	93.0
1895.....	82.5	57.6	76.8	70.1	100.0	72.0	96.2	93.0	79.6
1900.....	84.9	65.1	86.1	76.0	115.9	98.6	91.5	95.5	85.8
1905.....	90.2	71.9	88.9	84.2	99.0	91.0	92.1	96.4	87.8
1910.....	105.7	87.3	87.8	89.5	96.9	83.5	88.7	93.7	94.3
1911.....	108.6	84.8	88.8	91.0	96.9	86.5	86.1	95.3	95.0
1912.....	111.9	95.4	90.0	92.4	97.3	98.6	91.2	97.1	99.6
1913*.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Jan. 1914.....	100.2	108.9	101.6	95.1	96.3	98.4	97.0	102.2	101.4
July 1914.....	110.0	96.1	101.0	93.7	94.9	94.6	93.5	102.4	100.6
Jan. 1915.....	133.8	106.6	91.8	89.6	93.9	94.0	92.7	104.9	108.6
July 1915.....	132.9	100.3	100.8	88.6	99.9	114.8	91.8	107.2	109.8
Jan. 1916.....	136.3	114.2	121.7	92.8	129.6	127.0	97.8	117.9	122.4
July 1916.....	138.3	115.7	133.0	102.7	141.3	130.0	102.9	122.7	127.2
Jan. 1917.....	180.6	146.7	158.7	122.6	179.9	143.9	113.3	125.7	157.8
July 1917.....	237.1	148.9	198.4	126.0	220.4	147.8	129.3	154.8	185.2
Jan. 1918.....	219.6	170.1	241.9	130.8	232.5	139.1	138.2	167.7	191.7
July 1918.....	224.7	177.5	261.7	141.8	228.6	148.9	144.4	181.3	199.5
Jan. 1919.....	221.3	193.1	288.6	165.5	227.1	134.2	164.0	182.2	206.1
July 1919.....	224.1	197.5	275.9	168.1	188.2	137.5	162.2	188.6	202.8
Jan. 1920.....	280.5	209.6	315.6	203.8	212.0	153.4	171.3	201.7	233.4
July 1920.....	326.2	203.0	328.5	256.0	243.6	134.3	197.7	233.2	256.3
Jan. 1921.....	206.9	197.9	181.0	244.4	224.9	116.8	221.9	210.3	200.6
July 1921.....	178.0	142.0	148.4	190.6	178.8	96.2	203.9	179.8	163.6
Jan. 1922.....	145.8	136.8	173.0	166.4	150.3	99.3	191.3	169.5	151.7
July 1922.....	157.1	123.7	175.0	166.0	149.6	100.2	187.0	166.1	154.1
Jan. 1923.....	136.8	141.5	189.0	175.7	158.9	95.5	185.7	166.4	151.4
July 1923.....	146.8	126.1	198.6	178.6	171.8	95.4	182.8	165.4	153.5
Jan. 1924.....	139.0	137.9	216.5	176.0	168.5	94.5	185.5	168.4	156.9
July 1924.....	158.6	119.9	204.7	162.5	159.2	93.1	184.9	154.5	153.9
Jan. 1925.....	187.6	141.0	196.7	157.4	158.4	103.0	177.6	157.3	165.2
July 1925.....	170.4	135.1	195.1	159.4	151.5	104.9	177.4	157.8	158.4
Jan. 1926.....	183.3	148.8	187.9	159.7	147.5	107.9	177.3	157.6	163.8
April 1926.....	187.7	137.2	175.9	156.4	145.0	100.9	177.1	157.2	160.2
July 1926.....	175.5	135.5	173.0	155.5	143.7	101.7	175.8	159.0	155.9
Oct. 1926.....	161.6	141.9	156.5	155.5	145.1	98.1	175.8	158.2	151.3
Jan. 1927.....	159.0	144.5	157.5	155.5	145.9	96.4	174.5	155.7	150.9
April 1927.....	160.7	138.1	151.1	153.7	143.7	95.8	172.2	155.4	148.9
July 1927.....	175.9	133.0	155.5	153.7	143.6	93.4	169.5	153.5	152.4
Oct. 1927.....	161.6	145.7	173.4	154.3	142.2	93.6	170.2	152.4	152.6
Jan. 1928.....	157.7	146.1	171.0	154.4	141.7	95.0	170.2	151.0	151.3
Feb. 1928.....	158.2	143.4	170.0	154.5	142.1	94.3	170.2	150.5	150.8
Mar. 1928.....	164.2	144.9	170.8	155.1	141.7	94.2	170.1	150.3	152.8
April 1928.....	169.7	140.4	167.4	155.2	141.5	94.3	169.6	149.9	153.2
May 1928.....	168.6	138.2	168.4	156.0	141.7	95.7	169.9	150.0	152.9
June 1928.....	158.6	141.3	168.4	156.0	139.7	96.3	170.6	148.9	150.2
July 1928.....	152.0	147.4	169.3	156.0	138.4	95.7	170.6	148.9	149.6
Aug. 1928.....	147.7	152.2	166.4	156.0	138.6	95.8	171.7	148.9	149.1
Sept. 1928.....	144.2	161.4	163.2	156.1	138.7	95.3	172.3	148.9	149.7
Oct. 1928.....	145.9	158.6	163.5	154.4	139.4	96.2	172.3	148.7	150.2
Nov. 1928.....	143.3	156.4	163.2	154.6	140.6	97.7	172.3	147.8	148.6
Dec. 1928.....	141.5	150.0	163.9	154.6	140.5	97.3	172.5	147.4	146.7

*For the years, prior to 1913 the index is unweighted and the number of commodities is not complete throughout.

TABLE V.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS ACCORDING TO "ORIGIN," IN 1914-1928

(PRICES IN 1913=100)

Groups and Number of Commodities	Raw or manufactured	Fully or chiefly manufactured	I. Farm (domestic and foreign)			II Marine	III Forest	IV Mineral
			Field	Animal	Canadian			
	107	129	87	53	36	8	21	67
1914.....	104.2	101.0	109.5	102.9	110.6	98.8	94.3	95.8
1915.....	113.9	110.9	125.5	105.6	124.1	100.3	88.5	101.9
1916.....	133.4	130.4	146.4	122.5	143.4	107.1	100.1	121.5
1917.....	178.4	175.5	209.9	159.9	207.7	136.8	122.4	153.2
1918.....	189.2	196.9	225.4	184.5	212.3	172.5	139.4	166.1
1919.....	206.0	204.4	239.2	203.0	232.5	177.5	171.6	167.8
1920.....	244.0	242.0	291.1	208.2	258.2	173.5	241.6	196.2
1921.....	168.4	180.0	177.5	155.7	164.2	142.3	202.5	175.6
1922.....	148.5	155.0	152.9	135.6	138.5	142.7	168.4	158.0
1923.....	142.8	159.1	153.4	135.7	127.6	129.9	178.8	157.9
1924.....	148.6	157.3	161.3	130.7	139.1	143.7	165.8	156.2
1925.....	158.0	160.2	175.7	142.9	160.5	152.7	159.0	151.7
1926.....	156.7	154.3	171.7	142.0	159.8	155.3	156.5	149.3
1927.....	153.2	148.6	164.0	142.0	156.1	153.5	154.1	144.4
Jan. 1919.....	199.3	204.9	230.3	198.0	218.6	184.9	165.5	174.5
July 1919.....	201.3	202.3	230.5	203.7	222.4	175.7	168.1	165.3
Jan. 1920.....	239.6	226.6	283.5	214.3	268.9	174.1	203.8	179.4
July 1920.....	260.0	260.8	329.1	206.4	275.1	167.9	256.0	197.8
Jan. 1921.....	203.3	204.9	203.4	199.6	207.5	148.2	244.4	198.3
July 1921.....	162.5	174.8	175.7	142.4	160.1	134.6	190.6	173.0
Jan. 1922.....	146.5	154.7	150.9	136.6	139.3	144.3	166.4	159.5
July 1922.....	152.6	156.1	160.1	134.0	144.6	143.9	166.0	157.7
Jan. 1923.....	142.8	158.7	145.4	142.7	128.2	132.3	175.7	156.9
July 1923.....	144.4	157.6	155.2	127.5	123.9	130.1	178.6	158.0
Jan. 1924.....	145.9	159.4	151.4	139.8	128.2	130.4	176.0	159.1
July 1924.....	147.9	154.9	165.2	121.0	139.7	140.5	162.5	155.6
Jan. 1925.....	166.6	163.3	188.5	142.6	178.4	155.1	157.4	153.6
July 1925.....	154.8	159.2	173.3	137.0	135.0	145.5	159.4	151.6
Jan. 1926.....	164.4	159.2	182.6	149.6	172.7	161.7	159.7	151.2
April 1926.....	163.0	154.4	184.1	138.0	172.5	153.0	156.4	149.4
July 1926.....	156.9	153.9	174.2	136.4	158.9	150.9	155.5	149.1
Oct. 1926.....	152.0	150.6	159.9	142.6	153.2	151.9	155.5	148.8
Jan. 1927.....	151.7	150.0	158.7	145.1	153.4	147.5	155.5	147.4
April 1927.....	149.7	148.6	160.0	138.6	148.3	148.9	153.7	145.8
July 1927.....	155.9	148.6	172.4	134.3	160.4	151.6	153.7	143.2
Oct. 1927.....	154.2	148.3	163.1	145.6	155.7	161.7	154.3	143.1
Jan. 1928.....	152.3	147.6	159.4	146.1	152.4	160.8	154.4	143.2
Feb. 1928.....	151.5	147.4	159.5	143.4	151.9	164.5	154.3	143.2
Mar. 1928.....	155.0	148.1	164.1	144.9	158.0	162.5	154.7	143.0
April 1928.....	155.9	149.4	168.5	140.9	160.6	158.1	155.3	143.2
May 1928.....	155.5	148.8	167.7	137.6	157.9	168.7	156.0	143.5
June 1928.....	151.7	147.9	159.2	141.6	148.3	162.9	156.0	143.7
July 1928.....	149.9	147.8	153.9	148.1	144.8	156.1	156.0	143.2
Aug. 1928.....	148.5	148.2	150.0	152.9	141.3	157.0	156.0	143.7
Sept. 1928.....	149.6	147.9	146.4	162.1	143.4	158.7	156.1	143.9
Oct. 1928.....	149.7	147.3	148.0	158.9	144.0	164.2	155.9	144.2
Nov. 1928.....	147.8	146.7	145.8	156.5	143.9	166.3	154.6	144.8
Dec. 1928.....	145.5	145.6	144.4	150.5	139.8	158.3	154.6	144.8

ing tables, IV, V and VI, of the index numbers of wholesale prices indicate the movement by groups.

Wholesale prices averaged lower during the year, the index number showing a decline of about four points to approximately 147 for the year as compared with 151.6 for 1927; 156.2 for 1926; and 243.5 for 1920. The index is now at the lowest level that has prevailed

since 1916, when it stood at 131.6. In the classification according to chief component materials, as compared with 1927, the Vegetables and their Products group, the Iron and its Products group, and the Chemicals and Allied Products group all reached lower levels, while the Animals and their Products group, the Textiles and Textile Products group, the Wood, Wood Products and Paper group, and

TABLE VI.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS ACCORDING TO "PURPOSE," 1914-1928

(PRICES IN 1913=100)

Groups and Number of Commodities	I. Consumers' Goods			II. Producers' Goods				
	All	Foods, beverages and tobacco	Other	All	Producers' Equipment	Producers' Materials		
						98	74	24
	148	16	132	32	100			
1914.....	101.3	105.6	96.0	103.4	94.4	104.4	93.8	106.8
1915.....	105.9	111.0	99.3	114.2	96.4	116.1	90.3	121.9
1916.....	120.6	132.3	105.8	130.7	101.1	133.9	103.8	140.8
1917.....	154.0	177.1	124.8	177.4	162.3	182.9	130.7	194.9
1918.....	172.8	193.3	146.9	195.0	146.0	200.3	150.5	211.7
1919.....	191.7	207.6	171.6	206.2	164.6	210.7	175.0	218.8
1920.....	226.1	244.4	203.1	241.9	197.1	246.8	214.9	254.0
1921.....	174.4	170.7	179.2	167.3	206.5	163.0	183.2	158.4
1922.....	153.6	146.0	163.1	146.8	189.0	142.2	162.2	137.7
1923.....	151.3	147.6	155.9	145.0	186.1	140.6	167.0	134.7
1924.....	150.5	146.3	155.7	147.6	186.4	143.4	159.1	140.2
1925.....	156.9	158.2	155.2	155.5	180.1	152.8	153.5	152.7
1926.....	161.5	161.9	160.8	148.3	181.5	144.8	149.2	143.8
1927.....	154.3	155.0	153.4	147.0	176.2	143.8	147.8	142.0
Jan. 1919.....	184.9	202.9	161.5	203.2	164.7	207.3	173.3	213.2
July 1919.....	189.1	203.5	170.4	204.2	163.7	208.5	171.8	215.1
Jan. 1920.....	216.6	237.4	189.4	236.0	172.0	242.9	200.7	250.8
July 1920.....	238.5	264.5	204.4	263.4	196.0	270.6	213.1	282.1
Jan. 1921.....	205.2	207.7	202.1	198.5	221.4	196.0	213.4	192.0
July 1921.....	184.3	158.5	172.0	166.9	204.6	162.8	178.2	157.2
Jan. 1922.....	156.2	147.5	166.9	143.4	193.6	138.0	163.2	132.2
July 1922.....	155.0	146.5	165.6	151.5	187.2	147.7	163.3	144.1
Jan. 1923.....	153.0	148.1	159.3	143.6	188.3	138.8	163.8	133.2
July 1923.....	148.2	143.4	154.3	147.4	184.4	143.5	169.4	137.6
Jan. 1924.....	154.3	151.1	158.3	143.3	187.6	138.6	167.7	132.3
July 1924.....	147.1	140.0	156.0	148.3	188.8	143.9	155.1	141.8
Jan. 1925.....	154.5	159.2	148.7	163.8	181.0	162.0	152.1	164.2
July 1925.....	153.7	151.4	156.7	155.2	180.5	152.5	153.6	152.2
Jan. 1926.....	166.0	173.0	157.2	153.2	180.6	150.3	152.6	149.7
April 1926.....	164.7	168.9	159.3	149.9	182.2	146.4	149.9	145.6
July 1926.....	159.6	157.0	162.7	150.7	182.0	147.4	147.8	147.2
Oct. 1926.....	158.6	155.3	162.7	144.4	182.0	140.3	147.8	138.6
Jan. 1927.....	158.2	156.7	160.2	140.1	180.1	135.8	147.5	133.1
April 1927.....	152.4	150.7	154.6	144.4	177.2	140.9	147.4	139.4
July 1927.....	151.9	153.1	150.5	150.1	174.2	147.5	147.9	147.4
Oct. 1927.....	154.5	156.2	152.3	146.4	175.5	143.2	148.3	142.1
Jan. 1928.....	152.4	152.0	152.9	148.6	175.4	145.7	147.	145.2
Feb. 1928.....	151.8	151.2	152.7	148.1	175.4	145.1	147.7	144.5
Mar. 1928.....	154.1	154.4	153.6	149.9	175.2	147.2	147.8	147.0
April 1928.....	152.0	152.5	151.4	152.7	173.6	150.4	149.5	150.6
May 1928.....	150.7	150.0	151.4	153.9	173.6	151.8	150.3	152.1
June 1928.....	151.5	148.6	155.2	150.3	174.6	147.7	150.2	147.2
July 1928.....	153.1	151.5	155.2	147.8	174.6	144.9	149.9	143.8
Aug. 1928.....	156.6	156.4	156.8	144.6	175.7	141.2	149.8	139.2
Sept. 1928.....	159.5	160.9	157.8	143.4	176.5	139.8	149.6	137.6
Oct. 1928.....	158.2	158.7	157.6	142.8	176.5	139.1	149.5	136.8
Nov. 1928.....	156.5	155.6	157.6	141.5	176.5	137.7	149.8	135.0
Dec. 1928.....	153.6	150.4	157.6	141.0	176.5	137.2	149.9	134.3

the Non-Ferrous Metals group advanced. The Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products group will be practically unchanged.

The Vegetables and Vegetable Products group showed a decline of approximately eleven points from the 1927 level of 165.1 and exerted a dominating influence on the movement of the general index. Under the

influence of good crops the prices of wheat, flour and potatoes moved to substantially lower levels during the last half of the year. These were the most important price changes, but sugar, tea, cocoa, rubber, tapioca and vegetable oils also moved to lower levels. The Animals and their Products group advanced, the index being up about seven points over

the 1927 level of 141.7 and was higher at the end of 1928 than at the beginning, being 146.1 in January and 156.4 in November. All the important sub-groups, except eggs and furs, were higher. Apart from the usual seasonal trend in farm products there were some important changes. Stimulated by good export demand from the United States livestock and meat prices moved sharply upward in the second and third quarters, but tended toward lower levels by the end of the year. Hide and leather prices continued firm and at high levels during the first half of the year, with a lower tendency afterwards. The Fibres, Textile and Textile Products group will show a rise of over five points from the 1927 level of 160.9. Cotton prices advanced during the first seven months, then declined slightly, but again turned upward toward the end of the year. Wool prices advanced, reaching the peak during the third quarter, after which they declined slightly. Silk showed a gradual movement toward lower levels until the last quarter, when a slight upward movement commenced. The Wood, Wood Products and Paper group will be slightly higher than the 1927 level of 154.2. Advances in some lines of lumber were partially counterbalanced by

declines in the prices of newsprint and wood pulp. The index for this group was 154.6 in January, 156 in June and 154.6 in November. The Iron and its Products group fluctuated within narrow limits, declining slightly in the second and third quarters, but moving upward toward the end of the year. The index will show a decline of about three points as compared with last year. The Non-Ferrous Metals group advanced, the index being 95.0 in January, 96.3 in June and 97.7 in November. Prices of lead, tin and spelter declined during the year but owing to higher prices for copper and its products, silver and brass sheets the index will show a higher level than in 1927. Little change will be shown in the level of the Non-Metallic Minerals group from that of 1927 at 171.1. The prices of bricks, coal, lime and cement advanced, while glass and its products, gasoline, coal oil, and pottery declined. The Chemicals and Allied Products group showed a gradual decline during the year, the index being 151.0 in January, 148.9 in June and 147.8 in November. This movement was due mainly to lower prices for sulphuric acid, white lead, putty, soda ash and wood alcohol.

Prices in Great Britain and Other Countries

The accompanying tables, numbered VII to XXIII, give the principal index numbers of retail prices and cost of living and of wholesale prices in the various countries for 1928 and for preceding dates to show the movement of prices in comparison with that in Canada.

Great Britain

WHOLESALE PRICES.—Prices in Great Britain were comparatively stable, but exhibited a slight downward tendency. The Board of Trade index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1913 = 100, was 137.9 for November as compared with 141.1 for the same month in 1927. From November, 1927, the index number declined to 140.3 in February, advancing then to a high point of 143.6 in May, declining again to 137.6 in September, with practically no change since that month. The "total food" index fell from 152.0 to 148.5 but reached a high point for the year of 159.3 in May. Non-foods fell from 135.4 to 132.2 during this period, showing very little fluctuation during the year. Metals and minerals showed only very slight changes; textiles declined slightly.

COST OF LIVING.—The cost of living index number of the Ministry of Labour on the

base July, 1914 = 100, was the same for December as for January and during the year varied only between 164 and 168, the variations being due chiefly to seasonal changes in food prices.

France

WHOLESALE PRICES.—For the first few months of the year, prices advanced, but since the stabilization of the franc at a value of 3.92 cents in June, prices as a whole have remained steady. The most notable change for the year was an advance of 20 per cent in animal foods between November, 1927, and November, 1928.

COST OF LIVING.—The trend of the cost of living at Paris was the same as for wholesale prices, advancing from 498 for the last quarter of 1927 to 519 for the second quarter of 1928 and showing no change for the third quarter.

Germany

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The index number of the Federal Statistical Office, on the base 1913 = 100, showed very little variation during the year, the index number for October being the same as for November, 1927.

COST OF LIVING.—The index number of the cost of living which remained practically stationary from October, 1927, to May, 1928,

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Canada		Great Britain		Irish Free State		Austria		
	29 foods — 60 cities — Dept. of Labour	Cost of Living — Dept. of Labour	Foods	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, Vienna	Cost of living, Vienna	Cost of living, Vienna
Base period	(k)	1913	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914=1	July 1914=1	July 1914
1910.....	(d) \$6.95	.....	(c) 96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1913.....	7.34	100	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1914—July.....	7.42	.....	100	100	100	100	1	1	100
1915—July.....	7.74	.....	132	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1916—July.....	8.46	.....	161	148	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1917—July.....	11.62	.....	204	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1918—July.....	13.00 (a)	152	210	203	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1919—July.....	13.77 (a)	166	209	208	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1920—July.....	16.84 (a)	200	258	252	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921—July.....	10.96 (a)	165	220	219	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922—July.....	10.27 (a)	156	180	184	185 (a)	185	3282	2645	.....
1923—July.....	10.17 (a)	156	162	169	182	180	12911	10903	.....
1924—July.....	9.91 (a)	153	162	170	185	183	14362	12391	.....
1925—July.....	10.49 (a)	155 (m)	167 (m)	173	188	188	.....	.....	.....
1926—July.....	11.07 (a)	157	161	170	174	182 (p)	16576	14764 (o)	103
1927—Jan.....	11.37 (r)	158	167	175	178	182	17186	15113	105
April.....	10.80	155	155	165	165	171	17141	15079	105
July.....	10.92	155	159	166	166	171	17575	15319	106
Oct.....	10.99	156	161	187	172	175	17275	15559	108
Nov.....	11.07	156	163	169	.....	.....	17126	15494	108
Dec.....	11.17	157	163	169	.....	.....	17028	15452	107
1928—Jan.....	11.19	157	162	168	175	177	16991	15460	107
Feb.....	11.03	156	159	166	.....	.....	16882	15429	107
Mar.....	10.92	156	155	164	.....	.....	16710	15356	107
April.....	10.87	156	155	164	162	170	16800	15382	107
May.....	10.80	155	154	164	.....	.....	16918	15431	107
June.....	10.73	155	156	165	.....	.....	17616	15739	109
July.....	10.80	155	157	165	166	173	17257	15583	108
Aug.....	11.08	157	156	165	.....	.....	17249	15580	108
Sept.....	11.15	157	156	165	.....	.....	17313	15632	109
Oct.....	11.28	157	157	166	171	176	17227	15660	109
Nov.....	11.28	157	159	167	.....	.....	17264	15676	109
Dec.....	11.31	158	160	168	.....	.....	17189	15553	109

advanced slightly in July, maintaining the higher level until October. The advances in the index numbers of prices for clothing, heat and light and sundries contributed to this rise, while rent and food were practically unchanged.

Italy

Since the establishment of the currency on a gold basis at the end of 1927, the index number of wholesale prices of the Milan Chamber of Commerce and the index number of the cost of living, Milan, have both been comparatively stable.

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—Continued

(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Belgium			Bulgaria	Czecho-Slovakia	Danzig	Denmark		Estonia	Finland	
Description of Index	Foods	Cost of living	56 articles Brussels	Cost of living	Foods, fuel, etc.	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living
Base period	1921	1921	April 1914	1914	July 1914	1913-14	July 1914	July 1914	1913	July 1914	July 1914
1910.....											
1913.....									100		
1914—July.....				(b) 100	100			100	100		100
1915—July.....				(b) 122				128	116		
1916—July.....								146	136		
1917—July.....								166	155		
1918—July.....								187	182		
1919—July.....				354				212	211		
1920—July.....				479				253	262	981.8	911.0
1921—July.....	(b) 100	(b) 100		393	(b) 1919	1438		236	237	85	1277.8
1922—July.....	86.76	90.75		388	(b) 2619	1430		184	199	91	1105.4
1923—July.....	104.25	109.20		445	(b) 2477	921		188	204	102	968.2
1924—July.....	123.14	125.84		521	(b) 2833	909	114	200	214	94	1016.2
1925—July.....	130.96	133.16		537	(b) 3014	916	147	210	219	110	1106.9
1926—July.....	178.84	170.14		692	(b) 2866	876	137	159	184	107	1067.4
1927—Jan.....	206.73	200.17		805	2659	914	136	156	181	104	1063.4
April.....	200.36	197.12		820	2548	923	135	152	178	104	1034.1
July.....	205.35	201.64		832	2728	962	146	153	176	110	1065.3
Oct.....	210.02	207.42		849	2700	907	141	152	176	104	1119.8
Nov.....	211.18	208.59		853	2660	906	140			105	1141.4
Dec.....	212.11	209.43		855	2692	913	140			105	1140.1
1928—Jan.....	210.44	211.25		860	2735	913	133	152	176	108	1096.6
Feb.....	206.33	208.60			2777	910	140			109	1080.9
Mar.....	200.18	204.91		855	2791	902	141			111	1096.0
April.....	201.10	205.88		856	2841	905	139	152	176	113	1082.2
May.....	197.44	203.44		852	2857	908	140			113	1074.4
June.....	199.09	204.88		858	2818	928	140			112	1087.2
July.....	202.10	206.92		855	2861	943	141	153	176	116	1116.2
Aug.....	205.11	208.89		864	2742	943	141			114	1151.7
Sept.....	208.76	211.71		873	2757	928	140			112	1136.2
Oct.....	215.50	216.38		885		907	140	146	172	112	1146.1
Nov.....	221.36	220.88		897						113	1160.1
Dec.....											

Australia

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The Melbourne wholesale prices index number, on the base 1911 = 1,000, declined from 1,936 in September, 1927, to 1,746 in September, 1928. Fluctuating somewhat for the first few months of this period, the decline has been steady since April. With

the exception of building materials and chemicals, which advanced, all groups declined, the most notable being meat which fell from 2,655 to 1,881.

New Zealand

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The index number of the Census and Statistics Office was slightly

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—*Continued*

(Base Figure 100 except where noted)

Country	France		Germany		Greece		Hungary		Italy	
	13 articles, Paris	Cost of living, Paris (<i>c</i>)	Foods	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, Budapest	Cost of living, Budapest	21 Foods, chief cities	Cost of living, Milan
Base period	1910 = 1000	1914	1913-14 = 1		1914	1914	1913 = 1	1913 = 1	1913	1st half, 1914
1910.....	1000									
1913.....							1	1	100	
1914—July.....	1075 (<i>b</i>) 100			(<i>b</i>) 100	(<i>b</i>) 100					(<i>u</i>) 100
1915—July.....	1288									(<i>b</i>) 113.69
1916—July.....	1387									(<i>b</i>) 146.09
1917—July.....	1971									(<i>b</i>) 197.24
1918—July.....	2210									396.1 (<i>b</i>) 285.42
1919—July.....	2811									(<i>a</i>) 362.3 (<i>b</i>) 327.29
1920—July.....	4006	363	12.7	10.7						451.8 (<i>b</i>) 442.25
1921—July.....	3292	295	14.9	12.5						501.3 (<i>b</i>) 541.42
1922—July.....	3188	289	68.4	53.9	583	616				527.3 (<i>b</i>) 500.67
1923—July.....	3446	331	46510.0	37651.0	953	1032				518.0 (<i>b</i>) 494.07
1924—July.....	3870	367	(<i>o</i>) 131.6	(<i>o</i>) 126.4	1194	1278				538.1 (<i>b</i>) 526.82
1925—July.....	4523	401	153.8	143.3	1515	1472	19006	16126	604.7 (<i>b</i>) 610.82	
1926—July.....	6171	539	145.3	142.4	1849	1808	16546	14823	645.2	648.62
1927—Jan.....	6369	524	150.7	144.6	2002	1900	(<i>o</i>) 117	(<i>o</i>) 106	628.8	655.27
April.....	6238	525	150.3	146.4	2021	1911	128	111	605.7	651.21
July.....	5990	507	156.8	150.0	2059	1960	126	110	540.2	548.37
Oct.....	5593	498	151.6	150.2	2071	1956	127	113	529.9	536.16
Nov.....			152.0	150.6	2086	1964	122	112	534.2	
Dec.....			152.8	151.3	2101	1978	123	113	533.8	
1928—Jan.....	5699	507	151.9	150.8	(<i>v</i>) 146.2	(<i>v</i>) 154.8	122	112	531.2	531.72
Feb.....	5607		151.2	150.6	143.9	153.8	121	112	529.4	533.02
Mar.....	5631		151.0	150.6	143.0	153.3	124	113	522.1	531.19
April.....	5715	519	151.0	150.7	144.4	153.4	126	114	521.6	531.37
May.....	5869		150.8	150.6	145.4	153.1	130	117	528.7	526.44
June.....	5994		152.1	151.4	144.2	152.4	132	118	532.9	529.96
July.....	5881	519	154.1	152.6	137.5	148.4	130	118	516.1	525.67
Aug.....			155.6	153.5	133.5	146.2	133	120	519.8	521.97
Sept.....	5843		153.1	152.3	131.5	145.4	133	121	526.0	525.90
Oct.....	6089		151.8	152.1	136.7	148.2	129	119		
Nov.....	6293									
Dec.....										

higher for October, 1928, than for the same month in the previous year, due chiefly to a rise in foodstuffs of vegetable origin, but on the whole, prices were stable during the year.

Cost of Living.—The index number of the cost of living was practically stationary from August, 1927, to August, 1928. Small advances

in food, rent, fuel and light being counteracted by declines in clothing and miscellaneous commodities.

India

WHOLESALE PRICES.—Since the beginning of the year, the index number of wholesale prices, Bombay, has advanced from 141 to 150 in

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—Continued

(Base Figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Latvia		Lithu-	Luxem-	Netherlands		Nor-	Poland		Russia		
	Description of Index	Foods, Riga	Cost of living, Riga	Cost of living, 84 towns	Cost of living	29 articles, 6 towns	46 articles, 10 towns	Foods 30 towns	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, 229 towns	Cost of living, 229 towns
Base period		1913	July, 1914	1913	1st half, 1914	1893	1921-25	July 1914	1914 =1	1914 =1	1913	1913
1910						113		(e)				
1913	100		100			114					100	100
1914—July		100		(u) 100	(b) 116			100 (b)	1 (b)	1		
1915—July						148						
1916—July						170			160			
1917—July						212			261			
1918—July					(b) 228				279			
1919—July					(b) 239				289			
1920—July						275			319			
1921—July	122	67			334	192 (b) 117		292	457	257		
1922—July	100	75		(t)	357	177 (b) 102		233	1298	788		
1923—July	108	90			452	164 (b) 93		218	24,197	20,936	152	184
1924—July	125	108	138		498	170 (b) 94		248	(o) 139-1	(o) 127-2	198	214
1925—July	141	114	158		519	172		260	173-9	145-6	185	194
1926—July	132	110	140		686	165	90	198		(p) 208	(p) 207	
1927—Jan.	137	100	142	756	166	91	180				209	210
April	131	102	144	766	164	88	169	(s) 98-9	(s) 99-9		201	203
July	134	112	143	784	163	88	175	99-3	97-7		201	199
Oct.	135	102	136	797	165	92	173	99-6	100-9		203	202
Nov.	139	102	138	802	167	92	171	103-1	103-2		208	205
Dec.	142	105	138	804	167	92	171	101-7	102-6		209	205
1928—Jan.	143	102	136	800	167	92	170	99-2	101-9		208	205
Feb.	144	105	136	797	168	91	170	95-8	100-3		206	203
Mar.	138	105	135	795	169	91	171	97-3	101-1		205	203
April	139	106	134	794	169	91	171	98-2	102-3		210	206
May	139	107	136	793	169	91	172	98-7	102-8		211	206
June	144	109	136	805	169	91	170	99-1	103-2		218	210
July	147	113	139	813	169	91	173	100-0	103-9		217	209
Aug.	151	120	144	821	169	91	170	99-1	103-5		210	206
Sept.	155	113	137	831	167	92	164	99-9	103-5			
Oct.	114	136	836	167	92	163			104-4			
Nov.								161	102-7	106-1		
Dec.												

October, all groups showing advances with the exception of textiles other than cotton.

COST OF LIVING.—The index number of the working class cost of living in Bombay declined from 154 to 147 since the beginning of the year, due to declines in food and fuel and lighting. Clothing advanced slightly and rent was unchanged.

United States

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The Bureau of Labour Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926 = 100, was comparatively stable in 1928, standing at 96.7 in November as compared with 96.3 in January, 1928. In this period there were increases in foods, fuel and lighting materials, metals and metal pro-

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—Continued

(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Spain	Sweden		Switzerland		Egypt		South Africa	India	
Description of Index	Foods, fuel, sundries, Madrid	51 articles, 30 towns	Cost of living (c)	Foods, Federal Labour Board	Foods, heat, light, Co-operative stores	Foods	Cost of living	18 foods, 9 towns	Foods, Bombay	Cost of living, Bombay
Base period	1914	July 1914	May 1914	June 1914	June 1914	July 1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	1910=1000	July, 1914	
					(e)					
1910.....								1,000		
1913.....								1,163		
1914—July.....	(b) 100	100	.....	(a) 100	(a) 100	100	100	(b) 1,148	100	100
1915—July.....	(b) 108	(c) 124	.....	(a) 119	99	100	100	(b) 1,228	.....	.....
1916—July.....	(b) 116	(c) 142	.....	(a) 140	123	118	(b) 1,275	.....	.....	.....
1917—July.....	(b) 125	177	.....	(a) 180	190	157	(b) 1,418	.....	.....	.....
1918—July.....	(b) 155	268	219	(a) 229	216	184	(b) 1,437	.....	.....	.....
1919—July.....	(b) 175	310	257	238	224	201	(b) 1,559	187	186	186
1920—July.....	(b) 191	297	270	245	281	237	(b) 2049	188	190	190
1921—July.....	(b) 189	232	236	211	214	196	189 (c) 1556	174	177	177
1922—July.....	179	179	190	157	158	172	167	1335	160	165
1923—July.....	172	160	174	166	168	152	161	1330	148	153
1924—July.....	182	159	171	170	168	148	158	1339	151	157
1925—July.....	190	169	176	169	168	158	163	1382	152	157
1926—July.....	186	156	172	159	162	158	159	1337	155	157
1927—Jan.....	195	156	171	158	160	153	155	1327	155	156
April.....	191	151	170	156	158	152	154	1368	151	153
July.....	189	151	169	157	160	147	151	1364	154	156
Oct.....	189	155	172	159	161	146	152	1370	148	151
Nov.....	188	155	.....	161	162	148	153	1371	147	150
Dec.....	186	154	.....	160	162	147	152	1365	149	151
1928—Jan.....	178	153	171	159	161	143	151	1366	151	154
Feb.....	175	153	.....	158	161	142	151	1352	146	148
Mar.....	176	154	.....	157	160	139	151	1356	142	145
April.....	175	155	171	156	160	140	149	1371	140	144
May.....	171	155	.....	156	160	139	149	1373	144	147
June.....	172	157	.....	156	161	140	149	1351	142	146
July.....	173	157	173	157	161	144	151	1328	143	147
Aug.....	174	156	.....	157	161	143	153	1321	142	146
Sept.....	178	155	.....	156	161	148	153	1318	141	145
Oct.....	179	153	172	157	162	.....	.....	1323	142	146
Nov.....	.....	151	.....	158	162	.....	.....	.....	144	147
Dec.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ducts and building materials, while the other groups declined, namely, farm products, hides and leather products, textile products, chemicals and drugs, house furnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities.

COST OF LIVING.—The index number of the Bureau of Labour Statistics on the base 1913 = 100, declined from 173.4 in June, 1927, to 170.0 in June, 1928. All groups declined with the exception of miscellaneous products which advanced slightly.

TABLE VII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC., IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES—Concluded

(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Australia	New Zealand		Chile		Peru		United States			
		46 foods and groceries, 30 towns	Foods	Cost of living	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of living, Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of living, Nat. Ind. Conference Board	Cost of living Massachusetts
Base period	1911=1000	July, 1914 =1000	July, 1914 =1000			1913	1913	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913
	(f)							(g)	(i)		
1910.....								93			
1913.....	1106			100	100	100	100	100	100		100
1914—July.....	1164	1000	1000					102		100	102.1
1915—July.....	1522 (q)	1133 (q)	1082 (b)	111 (b)	107 (b)	108		100		100.5	101.7
1916—July.....	1516 (q)	1200 (q)	1168 (b)	108 (b)	115 (b)	118		111		108.7	109.9
1917—July.....	1470 (q)	1274 (q)	1282 (b)	109 (b)	136 (b)	137		146		131.3	129.3
1918—July.....	1523 (q)	1408 (q)	1440 (b)	112 (b)	151 (b)	158		167		(a) 152.2	155.1
1919—July.....	1714 (q)	1463 (q)	1573 (b)	132 (b)	176 (b)	181		190	(a) 177.3	172.2	171.5
1920—July.....	2260 (q)	1714 (q)	1815 (b)	156 (b)	194 (b)	202		219	(a) 216.5	205	202.6
1921—July.....	1876 (q)	1626 (q)	1782 (b)	137 (b)	171 (b)	191		148		163	160.8
1922—July.....	1725 (q)	1413 (q)	1590 (b)	160 (b)	163 (b)	183		142	(a) 166.6	155.6	156.2
1923—July.....	1914 (q)	1430 (q)	1584	.....	(b) 155 (b)	173		147	(a) 169.7	161.9	159.1
1924—July.....	1728 (q)	1463 (q)	1602	.....	157	179		143.3	(a) 169.1	162.0	157.8
1925—July.....	(a) 1807 (q)	1520 (q)	1631	190	152	184		159.9	(a) 173.5	169	163.4
1926—July.....	(q) 1827 (q)	1492 (q)	1633	190	172	194		157.0	(a) 174.8	166	161.9
1927—Jan.....				176	165	189		159.3		167	161.2
April.....				179	171	189		153.6		164	159.2
July.....				186	167	186		153.4		162	158.6
Oct.....				187	161	182		156.1		164	158.0
Nov.....	1828	1439	1611 (w)	183	151	177		156.5		164.2	160.3
Dec.....	1801				149	176		155.9	172.0	163.6	160.5
1928—Jan.....					153	178		155.1		163.1	160.6
Feb.....	1768	1450	1611		151	177		151.6		161.5	158.9
Mar.....	1777				152	176		151.4		161.1	158.0
April.....					152	176		152.1		160.8	158.4
May.....	1787	1464	1621		154	176		153.8		161.5	159.6
June.....	1782				155	177		152.6	170.0	160.9	158.7
July.....					152	175		152.8		161.1	160.5
Aug.....	1751	1464	1613		151	175		154.2		161.4	160.3
Sept.....	1742				151	175		157.8		161	161.9
Oct.....					142	169		156.8		162.9	160.5
Nov.....								157.3		162.6	160.5
Dec.....											160.0

(a) Figure for previous month. (b) Average for year. (c) Index published quarterly. (d) 15th of month up to end of 1920; beginning of month thereafter. (e) Beginning of month. (f) Base is average for six capital towns. (g) 15th of month. (h) Four chief cities. (i) January 1913—December 1920, 22 foods. (k) Cost of food budget. (l) Gold prices hereafter, 1914=100. (m) From Jan., 1925, end of previous month. (n) No figures published. (o) Gold prices on the base 100 hereafter. (p) New index number in 1926. (q) Figures for following month. (r) Monthly figures hereafter. (s) New base 1927=100. (t) Figures for 1st of following month hereafter. (u) First half of year. (v) New index number on gold basis. (w) Index number no longer published.

TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES
(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Canada			Great Britain				Austria
	Dom. Bureau of Statisti- cs	Michell	Bank of Com- merce	Board of Trade	Econo- mist	Statist	Times	
Authority								Federal Statisti- cal Office
Number of Commodities:	236	40	81	150	41	45	60	42
Base Period	1913	1900-1909	1923	1913	1901-05	1867-77	1913	1st half 1914=1
		(k)			(h)	(h)	(h)	
1900.....					110.5	75	.....
1905.....					103.3	72	.....
1910.....					113.3	78	.....
1913.....	100			100	122.3	85	100	.....
1914—July.....					116.6	82.4	.....
1915—July.....					149.1	106.4	.....
1916—July.....					191.1	130.5	.....
1917—July.....					254.4	176.9	.....
1918—July.....					278.5	193.1	.....
1919—July.....	202.3	245.7	136.15		293.2	206.4	.....
1920—July.....	256.1	269.4	186.49	316.9	358.0	254.6	332.8	.....
1921—July.....	163.4	174.3	107.36	194.1	218.1	158.2	186.5	.....
1922—July.....	151.8	165.3	98.65	160.3	199.8	134.0	158.8	.....
1923—July.....	153.6	176.4	98.54	156.5	190.1	124.8	155.6	17893
1924—July.....	153.3	175.6	95.57	162.6	211.7	138.4	167.5	19133
1925—July.....	158.4	175.7	101.25	156.9	202.1	134.3	158.4	19685
1926—July.....	156.2	174.0	98.09	148.7	183.9	126.0	145.8	18152
1927—Jan.....	150.6	170.8	96.63	143.6	178.6	123.1	140.5	18604
April.....	148.5	163.8	95.14	139.8	178.2	123.3	139.2	19372
July.....	152.0	171.8	98.81	141.1	181.9	122.0	142.2	20096
Oct.....	152.4	.....	96.06	141.4	181.6	120.6	143.5	18589
Nov.....	152.2	.....	96.73	141.1	179.9	121.5	143.8	18269
Dec.....	151.8	.....	96.51	140.4	179.3	121.4	141.9	18339
1928—Jan.....	151.3	.....	96.65	140.9	176.7	120.9	141.6	18552
Feb.....	150.8	.....	96.27	140.3	178.2	121.1	141.8	18457
Mar.....	152.8	.....	97.11	140.8	180.3	123.6	143.7	18533
April.....	153.2	.....	98.86	142.9	183.6	125.6	145.9	18813
May.....	152.9	.....	99.05	143.6	183.4	126.2	146.2	18925
June.....	150.2	.....	97.94	142.6	180.1	122.6	144.4	19088
July.....	149.6	.....	95.66	141.1	176.9	120.3	141.3	19200
Aug.....	149.1	.....	91.78	139.3	174.9	118.0	140.0	19087
Sept.....	149.7	.....	.....	137.6	173.2	118.8	137.8	18891
Oct.....	150.2	.....	93.40	137.9	173.5	116.8	137.9	18587
Nov.....	148.6	.....	91.42	137.9	174.3	117.9	138.3	18368
Dec.....	146.7	.....	90.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	18305

TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES
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(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Belgium	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia	Danzig	Denmark		Finland	
Authority	Ministry Ind. and Labour	National Bank	Central Bureau of Statistics	Official	Dept. of Statistics	Finans- tidende	Central Bureau of Statistics	Board of Customs
Number of Commodities	128	39	126	—	118	33	135	Imports + Exports
Base Period	April, 1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-14	1913	July 1, 1912 June 30, '14	Respect. mos., 1913	Eight months, 1913
1900								
1905								
1910								
1913				100	100		100	100
1914—July		(b)	100	100				
1915—July								
1916—July								
1917—July								
1918—July								
1919—July								
1920—July						340		
1921—July	(d)	347				253		1311 1285
1922—July		360	1464			180		1124 1215
1923—July		504	968			207		939 1157
1924—July		566	(b) 2688	953		220 (b) 144		941 1102
1925—July		558	(b) 3052	1009	149.5	212	206 (b) 147	1116 1117
1926—July		876	(b) 2781	948	142.8	156	141	996 1104
1927—Jan.		856	2775	979	145.3	157	141	997 1099
April		846	2788	979	147.2	152	138	985 1090
July		845	2759	992	143.2	152	142	989 1097
Oct.		839	2891	966	145.2	154	143	943 1098
Nov.		838	2887	967	146.0	154	145	945 1094
Dec.		841	2943	975	145.1	154	145	945 1092
1928—Jan.		851	3008	982	138.7	153	145	985 1027
Feb.		848	2999	985	138.8	152	144	1001 1033
Mar.		848	3021	978	141.0	153	146	1009 1028
April		847	3074	984	142.4	154	148	1010 1031
May		844	3134	987	141.3	155 (p) 149	143	988 1047
June		844	3078	986	139.9	155	145	981 1067
July		841	2987	979	140.5	155		972 1082
Aug.		831	2961	998	143.1	154		966 1091
Sept.		830	3055	986	142.4	151		958 1096
Oct.		835		971	140.8	150		958 1099
Nov.				957		151		
Dec.						151		

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TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND
OTHER COUNTRIES—Continued

(Base figure 100 except where noted)

TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND
OTHER COUNTRIES—Concluded
(Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	New Zealand	Peru	United States						
			Government Statistician	Official	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Brad-street	Dun	Annalist	Irving Fisher
No. of Commodities	—	—	404	550	106	—	—	—	—
Base Period	1909-1913 =1000	1913	1913	1926	—	—	1890-1899	1926	
1900.....			(j)	(j) (n)	\$ 7.8839	\$ 93.355	(e) 99.388	(j)	
1905.....					8.0987	99.315	110.652	.....
1910.....					8.9881	121.301	137.172	.....
1913.....	(b) 1055	100	100	69.8	9.2076	118.576	139.980	69.8	
1914—July.....	(b) 1098	.....	97	67.3	8.6566	119.708	144.879 (b)	68.1	
1915—July.....	(b) 1235	(b) 120.0	100	69.3	9.8698	124.958	147.29 (b)	69.5	
1916—July.....	(b) 1328	(b) 145.9	123	83.4	11.5294	145.142	170.11 (b)	85.5	
1917—July.....	(b) 1511	(b) 175.8	188	123.0	16.0680	211.950	267.114 (b)	117.5	
1918—July.....	(b) 1778	(b) 212.5	196	132.0	19.1624	232.575	285.474 (b)	131.3	
1919—July.....	(b) 1858	(b) 219.8	212	141.1	18.8964	233.707	307.763 (b)	138.6	
1920—July.....	(b) 2181	(b) 238.1	241	165.8	19.3528	260.414	307.680 (b)	154.4	
1921—July.....	(b) 2025	(b) 204.6	141	93.4	10.7284	159.833	167.719 (b)	97.6	
1922—July.....	(b) 1736	(b) 180.8	155	99.4	12.1069	173.743	193.672 (b)	96.7	
1923—July.....	(b) 1666	(b) 189.1	151	98.4	13.0895	188.711	170.954 (b)	101.1	
1924—July.....	(b) 1739	(b) 191.9	147.0	95.6	12.2257	185.485	183.207 (b)	98.9	
1925—July.....	1698	198.3	159.9	104.3	13.8526	195.899	214.404 (b)	105.2	
1926—July.....	1644	204.0	150.7	99.5	12.7378	186.014 (o)	149.6 (b)	100	
1927—Jan.....	1588	200	146.9	96.6	12.8195	187.758	145.7	96.0	
April.....	1548	201	144.2	93.7	12.5309	183.087	141.3	92.5	
July.....	1541	205	144.6	94.1	12.3803	185.598	142.8	92.2	
Oct.....	1542	205	150.1	97.0	13.2647	190.217	148.8	96.2	
Nov.....	1549	200	149.5	95.7	13.3937	191.715	148.2	96.4	
Dec.....	1565	198	(p) 149.1	96.8	13.5348	193.342	146.6	96.1	
1928—Jan.....	1577	199	.....	96.3	13.5732	192.849	147.5	95.5	
Feb.....	1555	195	.....	96.4	13.5263	191.884	145.9	96.7	
Mar.....	1556	193	.....	96.0	13.3409	193.788	146.1	97.6	
April.....	1550	197	.....	97.4	13.4161	195.415	148.0	99.1	
May.....	1558	195	.....	98.6	13.4376	199.169	151.5	99.1	
June.....	1561	195	.....	97.6	13.1913	195.691	149.4	98.0	
July.....	1557	193	.....	98.3	13.1418	195.183	150.6	99.6	
Aug.....	1553	190	.....	98.9	13.1903	194.132	150.8	99.8	
Sept.....	1557	188	.....	100.1	13.2813	193.925	152.9	99.7	
Oct.....	1572	187	.....	97.8	13.1285	194.734	149.6	98.8	
Nov.....	.....	185	.....	98.7	13.0131	192.945	148.3	97.5	
Dec.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.1479	193.543	147.5	97.0	

(a) Quarter beginning in specified month. (b) Average for year. (c) Figure for previous month. (d) Following month
(e) Middle of month. (g) First of month. (h) End of month. (j) Monthly average. (k) For 1920 and 1921, 76 quotations are
included, and from January, 1922, 100 quotations. (l) Gold prices hereafter on the base 100. (m) Revised figures for 1926.
(n) New series. (o) New index number, base 1913=100 with 72 series of price quotations. (p) Index number discontinued.
(q) New official index number, Labour Office.

TABLE IX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN
MINISTRY OF LABOUR
July, 1914=100

—	Food	Rent	Clothing	Fuel and light	Other	Cost of living
1916—Jan.	145	100	145	125-130	110	135
July.	161	100	160	135	120	145-150
1917—Jan.	187	100	185	140	120	165
July.	204	100	205	140-145	140	180
1918—Jan.	206	100	250	160	150	185-190
July.	210	102	320	175-180	180	200-205
1919—Jan.	230	102	360	185-190	190	220
July.	209	106	360	185-190	195	205-210
1920—Jan.	236	108	380	185	200	225
July.	258	115-120	430	230	220	252
1921—Jan.	278	142	390	240	230	265
July.	220	145	290	260	210	219
1922—Jan.	185	155	250	220-225	200	192
July.	180	153	240	190	195	184
1923—Jan.	175	150	225	185-190	185	178
July.	162	147	220	180-185	185	169
1924—Jan.	175	147	220-225	185	180	177
July.	162	147	225	185	180	170
1925—Jan.	178	147	225-230	185	180	180
July.	167	147	230	180	180	173
1926—Jan.	171	148	225	180-185	180	175
July.	161	150	220	195	180	170
1927—Jan.	167	151	215-220	215	180	175
April.	155	151	215	190	180	165
July.	159	151	210-215	170	180	166
Oct.	161	151	215	170	180	167
Nov.	163	151	215	170	180	169
Dec.	163	151	215	170	180	169
1928—Jan.	162	151	215	170	180	168
Feb.	159	151	215	170	180	166
March.	155	151	215-220	170	180	164
April.	155	151	215-220	165-170	180	164
May.	154	151	220	170	180	164
June.	156	151	220	165-170	180	165
July.	157	151	220	165	180	165
Aug.	156	151	220	165	180	165
Sept.	156	151	220	165-170	180	165
Oct.	157	151	220	170	180	166
Nov.	159	150	220	170	180	167
Dec.	160	152	220	170	180	168

TABLE X.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GREAT BRITAIN
BOARD OF TRADE
1913 = 100

—	Cereals	Meat and Fish	Other Food	Total Food	Iron and Steel	Other Metals and Minerals	Cotton	Other Textiles	Other articles	Total non-food	All articles
1920—Jan.	242.8	259.2	264.6	255.7	295.9	232.8	539.8	420.2	270.6	321.6	296.6
July.	281.6	268.3	282.9	277.7	387.1	261.0	518.8	353.0	271.2	340.5	316.9
1921—Jan.	245.7	284.1	245.4	257.3	317.7	213.3	224.2	218.7	219.8	239.8	245.9
July.	202.3	213.0	215.5	210.5	202.0	184.8	180.2	159.1	193.0	185.6	194.1
1922—Jan.	149.5	175.7	182.3	169.2	146.6	148.8	180.4	167.4	172.6	161.2	164.0
July.	156.2	169.9	180.9	169.2	136.9	138.3	191.4	166.0	163.5	155.6	160.3
1923—Jan.	140.7	175.2	156.1	156.8	134.0	138.3	194.5	175.5	166.8	157.2	157.0
July.	138.9	147.5	175.1	153.9	148.0	139.3	188.2	166.3	160.7	157.8	155.5
1924—Jan.	145.3	160.0	185.8	163.7	148.9	143.3	236.1	180.4	156.9	166.3	165.4
July.	154.3	146.4	179.3	160.3	142.6	140.6	228.2	188.7	155.4	163.6	162.6
1925—Jan.	187.3	170.3	180.4	179.4	135.2	141.7	230.0	214.0	161.6	166.6	171.1
July.	158.2	154.5	179.1	164.3	142.6	131.8	210.3	175.8	157.1	152.8	156.9
1926—Jan.	154.1	164.9	166.9	162.1	118.8	131.0	175.0	176.4	153.0	145.6	151.3
July.	150.8	151.5	157.9	153.4	124.5	159.6	158.3	157.4	143.3	145.8	148.7
1927—Jan.	149.4	147.0	163.4	153.5	127.8	138.1	134.2	152.3	143.7	138.2	143.6
April.	147.8	132.3	163.4	147.8	124.5	125.9	140.8	154.9	140.1	135.2	139.8
July.	155.9	134.1	170.8	153.5	118.0	115.0	160.4	157.0	141.8	134.5	141.1
Oct.	155.5	137.9	164.3	152.5	115.2	113.1	171.8	159.4	143.7	135.5	141.4
Nov.	151.8	138.1	166.1	152.0	114.3	114.4	166.5	161.3	144.4	135.4	141.1
Dec.				151.0						134.7	140.4
1928—Jan.	152.1	143.5	163.6	153.2	112.9	113.1	158.3	164.1	146.9	134.2	140.9
Feb.	151.1	136.4	166.5	151.5	112.9	112.4	157.2	166.8	145.9	134.0	140.3
March.	153.1	133.2	170.4	152.0	113.0	112.0	163.6	168.4	144.0	134.7	140.8
April.	156.3	138.7	181.6	158.7	112.7	111.4	169.0	170.0	141.5	134.9	142.9
May.	158.3	143.6	175.4	159.3	112.3	111.7	173.1	168.8	142.6	135.4	143.6
June.	155.0	146.4	170.9	157.5	112.3	111.7	171.8	167.4	141.7	134.9	142.6
July.	151.1	139.6	167.4	152.8	112.0	110.4	171.8	167.6	142.9	134.9	141.1
Aug.	145.9	142.7	163.4	150.8	111.7	110.4	162.0	165.6	143.3	133.2	139.3
Sept.	140.7	141.3	160.1	147.5	112.0	112.1	158.1	161.9	141.4	132.4	137.6
Oct.	142.0	138.4	164.5	148.3	112.2	113.2	160.1	158.4	140.9	132.4	137.9
Nov.	143.3	142.4	159.1	148.5	112.3	114.1	161.1	159.2	138.2	132.2	137.9

TABLE XI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE (PARIS)

GENERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

(1914 = 100)

—	Food	Heat and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All
1st half, 1919.	260	184	100	296	228	238
1st quarter, 1920	306	200	100	405	356	395
3rd " 1920	358	349	100	518	510	363
1st " 1921	350	319	100	398	510	338
3rd " 1921	310	307	121	318	400	295
1st " 1922	301	302	140	312	400	291
3rd " 1922	288	291	175	326	400	289
1st " 1923	332	308	200	356	400	324
3rd " 1923	333	340	200	385	400	331
1st " 1924	378	356	200	412	440	365
3rd " 1924	373	360	200	440	440	367
1st " 1925	403	370	200	440	440	386
3rd " 1925	419	373	220	460	450	401
1st " 1926	473	447	220	524	495	451
2nd " 1926	507	452	250	577	520	485
3rd " 1926	562	541	250	635	620	539
4th " 1926	574	577	250	616	620	545
1st " 1927	554	570	250	565	600	524
2nd " 1927	559	530	260	565	590	525
3rd " 1927	525	543	275	563	590	507
4th " 1927	504	555	275	581	590	498
1st " 1928	521	547	275	581	590	507
2nd " 1928	544	504	275	581	590	519
3rd " 1928	536	510	300	591	590	519
4th " 1928						

TABLE XII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN FRANCE.

GENERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

July, 1914 = 100

TABLE XIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE
FEDERAL STATISTICS
(1913 = 100)

—	Agricultural Products					Provisions	Raw Materials and		
	Foods of vegetable origin	Cattle	Foods of animal origin	Fodder	Total of group		Coal	Iron	Other metals
	1924—Jan.	106.1	97.2	166.9	90.9	116.3	126.1	174.0	132.7	104.6
July	101.7	90.4	134.2	87.5	104.4	124.1	142.4	116.3	103.7
1925—Jan.	140.5	109.6	164.6	135.6	136.7	145.1	134.0	131.3	129.1
July	132.5	124.9	152.9	129.1	134.8	138.4	133.9	128.0	120.1
1926—Jan.	111.2	120.1	150.0	104.1	122.3	132.7	132.1	123.5	121.8
July	136.4	120.5	137.0	112.3	128.7	135.6	132.4	123.2	116.4
1927—Jan.	154.2	116.6	148.6	142.3	140.3	129.3	135.1	124.6	110.7
April	157.8	107.1	131.9	145.9	135.2	126.6	130.6	124.9	110.1
July	161.6	110.8	129.2	150.7	137.5	129.8	129.8	126.6	105.7
Oct.	143.8	115.0	154.4	141.8	137.7	131.4	130.7	124.3	103.7
Nov.	141.6	108.9	163.1	142.0	137.3	131.8	130.7	124.4	104.5
Dec.	143.8	104.9	157.9	141.4	135.6	129.9	130.7	124.5	106.9
1928—Jan.	144.6	102.1	146.6	140.9	132.2	130.0	130.8	126.0	105.9
Feb.	140.5	102.8	142.8	141.0	130.1	129.7	130.7	126.6	104.0
Mar.	146.4	100.3	138.6	148.1	131.3	133.8	130.5	126.6	103.4
April	153.6	99.7	133.0	158.2	135.5	136.3	127.9	126.2	103.8
May	155.5	105.3	131.7	161.9	135.9	139.6	131.4	127.9	104.4
June	152.5	114.6	126.3	159.5	136.0	138.7	131.4	128.4	104.6
July	149.6	114.6	135.2	154.6	136.6	137.7	132.0	128.2	104.0
Aug.	144.5	120.4	142.4	149.0	137.6	135.5	133.1	128.1	104.5
Sept.	134.4	119.0	149.4	139.3	134.2	131.0	133.3	127.9	105.4
Oct.	131.5	119.3	155.1	139.9	134.8	129.0	135.1	127.8	107.0
Nov.									
Dec.									

TABLE XIV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY†

FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

(1913-14 = 100*)

—	Sundries	Food	Heat and Light	Rent	Clothing	All										
						1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928		
1920—July																
1921—Jan.																
July																
1922—Jan.																
July																
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1925—Jan.																
July																
1926—Jan.																
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July																
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Dec.																

† From February, 1925, a new method of calculation was followed.

* Paper money prices, 1920 to 1923, inclusive; 1924 prices in gold.

PRICES IN GERMANY

TICAL OFFICE

= 100)

Semi-manufactured Goods									Manufactured Goods			General Index
Textiles	Hides and leather	Chemicals	Artificial fertilizers	Oils and fats	Rubber	Paper and paper products	Building materials	Total of group	Producers' goods	Consumers' goods	Total of group	
211-1	130-2	138-8	97-9	124-5	31-6	143-6	155-7	150-5	133-7	183-7	162-2	140-6
203-2	104-3	129-2	85-0	126-7	29-9	140-2	136-1	134-8	129-2	168-6	151-7	127-9
208-3	136-7	126-0	89-5	143-3	46-2	147-0	151-8	144-3	128-5	167-4	150-7	143-2
182-2	127-0	127-4	84-0	137-3	125-6	161-0	154-7	140-4	137-8	172-7	157-7	142-5
166-7	112-8	126-7	90-9	128-6	102-8	159-2	147-7	134-4	136-8	174-0	158-0	135-8
148-8	112-4	121-5	82-1	133-0	53-8	148-3	143-8	128-4	130-7	158-3	146-5	133-1
138-5	123-3	125-1	86-0	132-2	49-2	148-6	149-7	128-8	129-3	150-9	141-6	135-9
146-6	121-8	124-9	85-2	128-9	50-3	148-9	154-7	129-9	129-0	153-6	143-0	134-8
155-3	133-8	123-3	79-9	125-1	44-1	150-5	160-7	132-2	130-0	160-0	147-1	137-6
163-4	144-9	123-7	82-5	120-6	41-6	150-7	162-0	134-0	130-9	169-4	152-9	139-8
161-5	152-9	123-9	80-3	120-0	46-3	151-5	160-9	134-0	132-0	171-7	154-6	140-1
158-5	160-7	124-1	81-1	118-8	50-3	152-1	157-8	133-9	133-6	172-2	155-6	139-6
159-0	167-9	125-7	81-9	114-8	48-3	151-5	157-6	134-4	134-4	172-5	155-1	138-7
158-6	160-3	125-7	82-4	112-6	40-3	149-7	158-0	133-6	135-4	172-9	156-8	137-9
161-5	156-5	125-6	82-5	111-6	33-0	148-9	157-5	133-5	135-9	173-4	157-3	138-5
164-8	159-9	125-7	82-5	115-0	25-3	148-2	158-2	133-8	136-1	173-9	157-6	139-5
167-1	156-2	125-8	82-0	118-1	25-3	148-3	160-0	135-3	136-4	175-0	158-4	141-5
164-4	150-5	125-8	82-3	120-4	27-2	150-7	160-9	135-0	137-0	175-8	159-1	141-3
165-3	152-6	126-5	77-9	122-1	27-5	150-8	160-8	135-1	137-6	176-1	159-6	141-6
159-3	150-9	126-7	79-6	124-1	27-5	151-1	160-0	134-3	137-9	175-9	159-5	141-5
154-6	149-1	126-7	80-7	125-3	25-0	151-4	159-6	133-5	138-2	175-6	159-5	139-9
152-3	145-1	127-3	82-0	126-5	25-7	151-6	159-2	133-4	138-6	176-1	160-0	140-1

TABLE XV—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES IN AUSTRALIA—30 TOWNS

COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

Weighted Average for the Six Capital Cities in November, 1914=1000

		Food and groceries	Housing	Food, groceries, and housing combined	Clothing	Miscellaneous	Total household expenditure
1921—November		1487	1269	.....	1710	1347	1474
1922—November		1475	1340	1409	1428	1325	1408
1923—1st quarter		1469	1317	1408	1437	1321	1400
2nd "		1588	1346	1491	1400	1325	1441
3rd "		1658	1348	1553	1380	1327	1480
4th "		1592	1354	1496	1371	1327	1436
1924—1st	"	1556	1366	1479	1336	1329	1418
2nd	"	1523	1392	1470	1348	1334	1416
3rd	"	1495	1399	1456	1338	1333	1406
4th	"	1491	1408	1458	1334	1327	1404
1925—1st	"	1519	1495	1510	1334	1317	1430
2nd	"	1561	1496	1538	1322	1315	1442
3rd	"	1584	1497	1553	1318	1315	1449
4th	"	1586	1505	1557	1308	1314	1449
1926—1st	"	1583	1523	1562	1318	1314	1454
2nd	"	1651	1531	1608	1322	1314	1481
3rd	"	1594	1531	1571	1315	1330	1402
4th	"	1579	1533	1562	1313	1331	1456
1927—1st	"	1563	1529	1551	1299	1334	1447
2nd	"	1541	1533	1538	1300	1333	1440
3rd	"	1571	1545	1561	1301	1336	1454
4th	"	1592	1550	1577	1309	1337	1465
1928—1st	"	....	....	....	....	....	1460

TABLE XVI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN AUSTRALIA
COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN
1911 = 1000

	Metals and Coal	Jute, Leather, Etc.	Agricultural Produce, Etc.	Dairy Produce	Groceries	Meat	Building Materials	Chemicals	All Groups
1920—Jan.	2079	2972	2420	1722	1605	2377	3090	2746	2311
July	2322	2742	2605	2266	1990	4230	3362	2906	2671
1921—Jan.	2368	1581	2107	2506	2030	3094	3070	2506	2233
July	2142	1206	1688	1991	1942	1930	2604	2254	1813
1922—Jan.	2081	1514	1489	1424	1941	1496	2148	2054	1673
July	1942	1693	1636	1882	1868	1921	1842	2041	1789
1923—Jan.	1856	2071	1753	1617	1750	1985	2171	1923	1855
July	1825	2044	1808	2006	1752	3614	1950	1972	2052
1924—Jan.	1823	2657	1733	1794	1707	2366	1981	1894	1984
July	1834	2308	1629	1721	1731	2077	1825	1788	1855
1925—Jan.	1848	2303	1700	1450	1751	2258	1666	1784	1863
July	1831	1900	1755	1689	1721	2419	1758	1759	1846
1926—Jan.	1908	1743	1999	1693	1725	1879	1663	1784	1840
July	1917	1586	1988	1822	1739	2023	1705	1843	1843
1927—Jan.	1994	1447	1898	1732	1714	1735	1659	1843	1760
Feb.	1982	1507	1821	1746	1704	1698	1613	1843	1741
Mar.	1977	1542	1667	1748	1696	1775	1618	1860	1710
April	1978	1587	1652	1806	1711	1753	1643	1840	1720
May	1990	1580	1674	1872	1724	1823	1645	1840	1738
June	1956	1547	1728	1927	1722	2013	1660	1840	1772
July	1970	1637	1789	1931	1730	2253	1663	1872	1833
Aug.	1956	1684	1857	1893	1739	2472	1674	1872	1879
Sept.	1958	1833	1930	1883	1729	2655	1578	1872	1936
Oct.	1943	1782	2086	1837	1732	2730	1562	1904	1972
Nov.	1943	1832	1928	1766	1745	2348	1548	1904	1892
Dec.	1930	1821	1879	1738	1743	2077	1619	1904	1848
1928—Jan.	1928	1836	1860	1721	1728	2211	1709	1904	1860
Feb.	1922	1849	1774	1683	1710	2197	1718	1945	1829
Mar.	1917	1912	1710	1651	1715	2289	1739	1945	1830
April	1919	1916	1738	1761	1709	2246	1745	1929	1844
May	1916	1844	1743	1818	1715	1970	1732	1934	1810
June	1916	1796	1746	1796	1706	2041	1742	1934	1807
July	1914	1803	1728	1777	1707	1973	1746	1909	1795
Aug.	1914	1685	1682	1745	1700	1902	1756	1909	1751
Sept.	1914	1659	1678	1769	1701	1881	1762	1909	1746
Oct.									..
Nov.									..
Dec.									..

TABLE XVII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND
CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE
July, 1914=1000

	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Miscellaneous	All
1915—August	1133	1016	1017	1091	1065	1082
1916—August	1200	1008	1160	1279	1221	1168
1917—August	1274	1024	1293	1529	1438	1282
1918—August	1408	1061	1343	1816	1753	1440
1919—February	1422	1070	1410	2090	1946	1525
August	1463	1087	1501	2184	1997	1573
1920—February	1596	1118	1625	2413	2189	1706
August	1714	1147	1830	2548	2317	1815
1921—February	1751	1195	1907	2522	2425	1855
August	1626	1286	1932	2288	2343	1782
1922—February	1448	1318	1924	2002	2209	1650
August	1413	1365	1780	1882	2016	1590
1923—February	1396	1437	1735	1799	1930	1571
August	1430	1498	1730	1773	1861	1584
1924—February	1486	1563	1822	1733	1866	1621
August	1463	1616	1739	1687	1799	1602
1925—February	1456	1648	1716	1664	1764	1596
August	1520	1709	1733	1646	1743	1631
1926—February	1527	1742	1763	1573	1688	1624
August	1492	1821	1770	1541	1747	1633
1927—February	1463	1854	1769	1516	1733	1623
May	1452	1873	1770	1486	1720	1617
August	1435	1891	1770	1474	1710	1610
Nov.	1439	1888	1789	1470	1704	1611
1928—February	1450	1884	1787	1451	1702	1611
May	1464	1893	1787	1459	1706	1621
August	1464	1901	1785	1451	1656	1613
November						

TABLE XVIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: Average annual aggregate expenditure, four chief centres, 1909-13=1000

	Food-stuffs of vegetable origin	Textile Manufactures	Wood and Wood Products	Animal Products	Metals and their Products	Non-metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Manures	All Groups combined
1913..	991	1020	1072	1088	932	1022	1030	1055
1914..	1039	1047	1124	1224	917	1013	1067	1098
1915..	1345	1089	1130	1462	888	1007	1210	1235
1916..	1313	1315	1210	1532	1051	1121	1436	1328
1917..	1394	1616	1333	1676	1293	1333	1681	1511
1918..	1587	2453	1530	1713	1524	1538	2040	1778
1919..	1675	2750	1732	1750	1448	1629	1961	1858
1920..	1891	3359	2124	1894	1752	2034	2318	2181
1921..	1803	2623	2559	1674	1672	2136	1915	2025
1922..	1678	2343	2172	1287	1268	1852	1510	1736
1923..	1648	2201	2183	1447	1129	1583	1408	1666
1924..	1761	2179	2192	1490	1151	1506	1365	1739
1925—Jan.	1749	2213	2204	1714	1187	1515	1361	1747
July..	1732	2162	2195	1541	1187	1535	1251	1698
1926—Jan..	1780	2135	2101	1480	1150	1475	1245	1677
July..	1731	2091	2087	1433	1125	1485	1225	1644
1927—Jan..	1775	2134	1989	1363	1071	1429	1202	1588
April..	1557	2014	1988	1396	1048	1424	1178	1548
July..	1596	1995	1976	1335	1035	1429	1174	1541
Oct..	1611	1993	1965	1379	995	1408	1165	1542
Nov..	1654	2003	1965	1394	965	1388	1159	1549
Dec..	1686	2022	1967	1389	986	1402	1165	1565
1928—Jan..	1723	1974	1964	1407	999	1408	1177	1577
Feb..	1646	2000	1965	1410	999	1384	1184	1555
Mar..	1644	2008	1963	1421	982	1389	1177	1556
April..	1620	2010	1961	1439	960	1396	1177	1550
May..	1624	2019	1959	1442	978	1411	1163	1558
June..	1644	2019	1956	1438	970	1410	1162	1561
July..	1640	2005	1954	1450	951	1413	1169	1557
Aug..	1630	1995	1952	1471	935	1409	1168	1553
Sept..	1650	1991	1956	1464	939	1405	1165	1557
Oct..	1717	1987	1947	1443	950	1405	1162	1572
Nov..								
Dec..								

TABLE XIX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Average of nine towns, 1910=1000

	Food only	Food, fuel, light and rent	Sundries, clothing, boots	Food, fuel, light, rent, and sundries
1923—Mar..	1340	1304	1673	...
Sept..	1318	1290	1697	1426
1924—Mar..	1405	1353	1689	1465
Sept..	1346	1323	1667	1438
1925—Mar..	1390	1346	1666	1452
Sept..	1359	1330	1658	1439
1926—Mar..	1358	1328	1638	1432
Sept..	1346	1321	1615	1419
1927—Mar..	1351	1344	1593	1427
June..	1382	1361	1613	1445
Sept..	1345	1339	1602	1426
Dec..	1365	1350	1621	1440
1928—Jan..	1366	1350	1640	1440
Feb..	1352	1342	1638	1435
Mar..	1356	1345	1635	1441
April..	1371	1353	1635	1447
May..	1373	1354	1629	1448
June..	1351	1342	1629	1438
July..	1328	1328	1628	1428
Aug..	1321	1324	1628	1426
Sept..	1318	1323	1628	1425
Oct..	1323	1326	1628	1427

TABLE XX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN INDIA (BOMBAY)
LABOUR OFFICE, BOMBAY
July, 1914 = 100

	Cereals	Pulses	Sugar	Other Food	Total Food	Oil Seeds	Raw Cotton	Cotton Manufactures	Other Textiles	Hides and Skins	Metals	Other Raw and Manufactured Articles	Total Non-Food	General Average
1920—Jan.	184	203	323	202	215	210	202	312	191	196	297	192	241	233
July.	151	145	452	181	216	171	144	318	174	164	283	194	220	221
1921—Jan.	158	160	306	146	185	138	120	274	190	148	233	199	195	193
July.	186	152	234	185	191	170	137	270	184	156	244	198	206	200
1922—Jan.	182	175	210	190	188	132	166	258	187	167	199	196	194	192
July.	170	134	220	228	188	151	196	255	192	142	177	189	192	190
1923—Jan.	125	102	202	305	173	130	200	227	191	165	194	178	186	181
July.	127	90	215	317	178	132	217	211	196	139	182	169	178	178
1924—Jan.	127	92	244	346	188	138	273	236	182	157	166	160	189	188
July.	143	98	211	260	174	150	265	232	187	150	166	168	189	184
1925—Jan.	153	102	174	267	173	143	210	216	168	118	165	159	172	173
July.	141	102	169	184	148	140	182	208	144	139	153	155	163	158
1926—Jan.	147	119	148	172	149	127	154	186	149	155	151	158	157	154
July.	146	128	144	148	143	140	144	180	130	147	150	148	152	149
1927—Jan.	153	133	149	140	147	138	113	154	135	142	158	160	146	146
April.	144	125	134	150	141	143	128	161	136	142	149	149	156	147
July.	139	129	130	162	141	143	154	163	142	139	136	159	149	147
Oct.	136	135	132	162	141	136	179	167	131	144	133	141	148	146
Nov.	140	139	138	155	143	131	172	166	131	115	134	140	145	144
Dec.	134	138	131	157	139	130	168	164	130	121	132	139	144	143
1928—Jan.	130	140	123	153	136	129	166	164	124	141	132	132	144	141
Feb.	133	136	121	155	136	124	163	162	122	157	133	131	144	142
Mar.	128	129	122	161	135	124	162	162	124	140	132	132	143	140
April.	130	135	127	162	137	128	158	162	126	153	133	131	144	142
May.	130	131	129	180	141	132	165	164	130	151	133	140	147	145
June.	136	126	152	197	150	130	167	169	129	147	138	140	149	149
July.	130	124	129	196	143	131	169	172	123	146	137	140	149	147
Aug.	131	127	132	191	143	128	151	169	124	155	137	146	147	146
Sept.	140	134	136	194	150	132	150	168	120	155	138	143	147	148
Cet.	148	143	147	195	157	134	151	170	119	159	138	138	147	150
Nov.														
Dec.														

TABLE XXI.—COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS IN INDIA (BOMBAY)
July, 1914 = 100

	Food	Fuel and Lighting	Clothing	House rent	Cost of Living	
1919—July.		187	146	303	165	186
1920—July.		188	151	313	165	190
1921—Jan.		163	192	269	165	169
July.		174	178	263	165	177
1922—Jan.		169	172	258	165	173
July.		160	167	260	165	165
1923—Jan.		151	166	225	165	156
July.		148	165	205	172	153
1924—Jan.		154	161	224	172	159
July.		151	166	229	172	157
1925—Jan.		152	165	209	172	157
July.		152	165	192	172	157
1926—Jan.		151	165	173	172	155
July.		155	164	160	172	157
1927—Jan.		155	166	143	172	156
April.		151	166	143	172	153
July.		154	166	149	172	156
Oct.		148	156	163	172	151
Nov.		147	156	157	172	150
Dec.		149	156	154	172	151
1928—Jan.		151	156	152	172	154
Feb.		146	144	153	172	148
Mar.		142	144	151	172	145
April.		140	145	153	172	144
May.		144	145	155	172	147
June.		142	158	156	172	146
July.		143	158	158	172	147
Aug.		142	158	159	172	146
Sept.		141	151	157	172	145
Oct.		142	144	156	172	146
Nov.		144	143	158	172	147
Dec.						

TABLE XXII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES (NEW SERIES)

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

1926 = 100

	Farm Products	Foods	Hides and Leather Products	Textile Products	Fuel and Lighting	Metals and Metal Products	Building Materials	Chemicals and Drugs	House Furnishing Goods	Miscellaneous	All Commodities
1913	71.5	64.2	68.1	57.3	61.3	90.8	56.7	80.2	56.3	93.1	69.8
1914	71.2	64.7	70.9	54.6	56.6	80.2	52.7	81.4	56.8	89.9	68.1
1915	71.5	65.4	75.5	54.1	51.8	86.3	53.5	112.0	56.0	86.9	69.5
1916	84.4	75.7	93.4	70.4	74.3	116.5	67.6	160.7	61.4	100.6	85.5
1917	129.0	104.5	122.8	98.7	105.4	150.6	88.2	165.0	74.2	122.1	117.5
1918	148.0	119.1	125.7	137.2	109.2	136.5	98.6	182.3	193.3	134.4	131.3
1919	157.6	129.5	174.1	135.3	104.3	130.9	115.6	157.0	105.9	139.1	138.6
1920	150.7	137.4	171.3	164.8	163.7	149.4	150.1	164.7	141.8	167.5	154.4
1921	88.4	90.6	109.2	94.5	96.8	117.5	97.4	115.0	113.0	109.2	97.6
1922	93.8	87.6	104.6	100.2	107.3	102.9	97.3	100.3	103.5	92.8	96.7
1923	98.6	92.7	104.2	111.3	97.3	109.3	108.7	101.1	108.9	99.7	100.6
1924	100.0	91.0	101.5	106.7	92.0	106.3	102.3	98.9	104.9	93.6	98.1
1925	109.8	100.2	105.3	108.3	96.5	103.2	101.7	101.8	103.1	109.0	103.5
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927	99.4	96.5	107.9	95.7	86.5	98.2	93.3	96.6	98.2	89.9	95.4
1928											
1926—Jan.	107.4	102.6	103.3	106.3	98.7	99.9	102.3	101.6	101.4	116.8	103.6
July	98.6	98.8	99.0	98.5	99.5	100.7	99.4	100.4	99.9	97.5	99.5
1927—Jan.	96.5	96.9	101.0	94.3	97.7	98.8	97.5	97.6	97.9	90.3	96.6
April	94.3	94.6	101.7	94.2	84.9	97.8	95.0	97.8	97.8	91.3	93.7
July	97.6	93.9	111.7	94.3	84.2	97.7	93.7	95.3	98.0	89.3	94.1
Oct.	105.0	100.0	113.0	98.4	83.8	97.1	91.6	97.1	98.5	88.3	97.0
1928—Jan.	106.1	98.5	121.0	96.7	80.8	98.1	90.8	96.3	98.6	89.0	96.3
Feb.	104.5	98.7	124.1	56.6	81.2	98.3	91.0	95.8	98.4	87.3	96.4
Mar.	103.5	98.0	124.0	96.5	80.8	98.4	91.0	95.6	98.3	86.8	96.0
April	107.6	99.5	126.7	96.5	80.8	98.4	92.5	95.8	97.9	84.9	97.4
May	109.8	101.2	126.3	96.6	81.8	98.6	93.5	95.3	97.8	85.1	98.6
June	106.7	100.3	123.7	96.3	82.1	98.7	93.9	94.9	97.0	82.2	97.6
July	107.1	102.3	124.2	96.8	82.8	98.6	94.4	94.5	96.9	80.8	98.3
Aug.	107.0	104.1	121.0	96.3	84.6	100.4	94.6	94.7	97.2	79.3	98.9
Sept.	108.8	106.9	120.7	95.6	85.1	100.5	94.7	95.1	97.2	79.7	100.1
Oct.	103.5	102.3	117.5	96.1	84.9	101.0	95.0	95.6	98.5	80.3	97.8
Nov.	101.6	100.1	115.5	96.1	84.4	101.7	96.0	96.0	96.4	80.0	96.7

TABLE XXIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

1913 = 100

	Food	Clothing	Housing	Fuel and light	Furniture	Miscellaneous	All
1914—Dec.	105.0	101.0	100.0	101.0	104.0	103.0	103.0
1915—Dec.	105.0	104.7	101.5	101.0	110.6	107.4	105.1
1916—Dec.	126.0	120.0	102.3	108.4	127.8	113.3	118.3
1917—Dec.	157.0	149.1	100.1	124.1	150.6	140.5	142.4
1918—Dec.	187.0	205.3	109.2	147.9	213.6	165.8	174.4
1919—Dec.	197.0	268.7	125.3	156.8	263.5	190.2	199.3
1920—June	219.0	287.5	134.9	171.9	292.7	201.4	216.5
Dec.	178.0	258.5	151.1	194.9	285.4	208.2	200.4
1921—May	144.7	222.6	159.0	181.6	247.7	208.8	180.4
Dec.	149.9	184.4	161.4	181.1	218.0	206.8	174.3
1922—June	141.0	172.3	160.9	174.2	202.9	201.5	166.6
Dec.	146.6	171.5	161.9	186.4	208.2	200.5	169.5
1923—June	144.3	174.9	163.4	180.6	222.2	200.3	169.7
Dec.	150.3	176.3	166.5	184.0	222.4	201.7	173.2
1924—June	142.4	174.2	168.0	176.7	216.0	201.1	169.1
Dec.	151.5	171.3	168.2	180.5	216.0	201.7	172.5
1925—June	155.0	170.6	167.4	176.7	214.3	202.7	173.5
Dec.	165.5	169.4	167.1	186.9	214.3	203.5	177.9
1926—June	159.7	168.2	165.4	180.7	210.4	203.3	174.8
Dec.	161.8	166.7	164.2	188.3	207.7	203.9	175.6
1927—June	158.5	164.9	162.1	180.8	205.2	204.5	173.4
Dec.	155.9	162.9	160.2	183.2	204.6	205.1	172.0
1928—June	152.6	162.6	157.6	177.2	201.1	205.5	170.9
Dec.							

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